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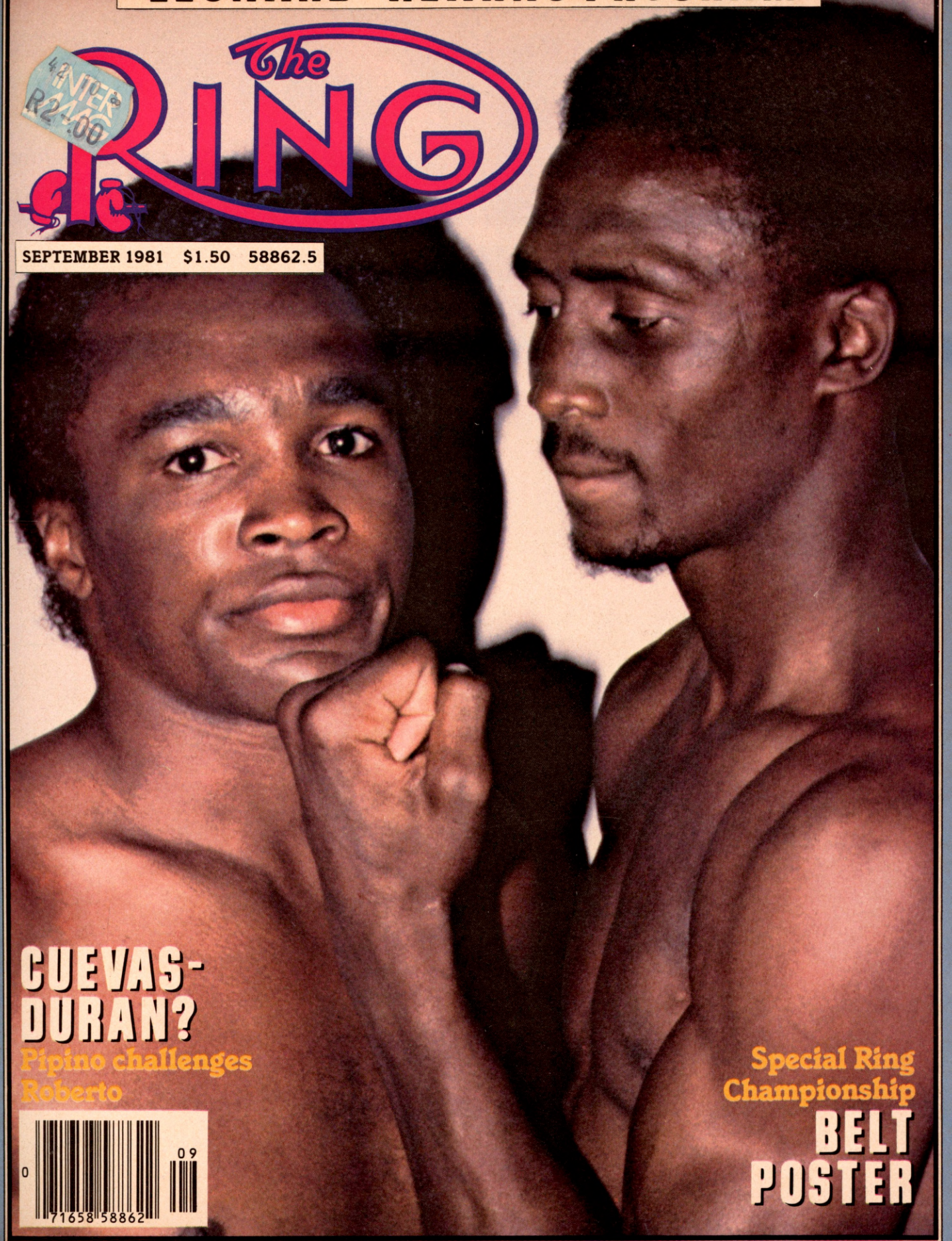

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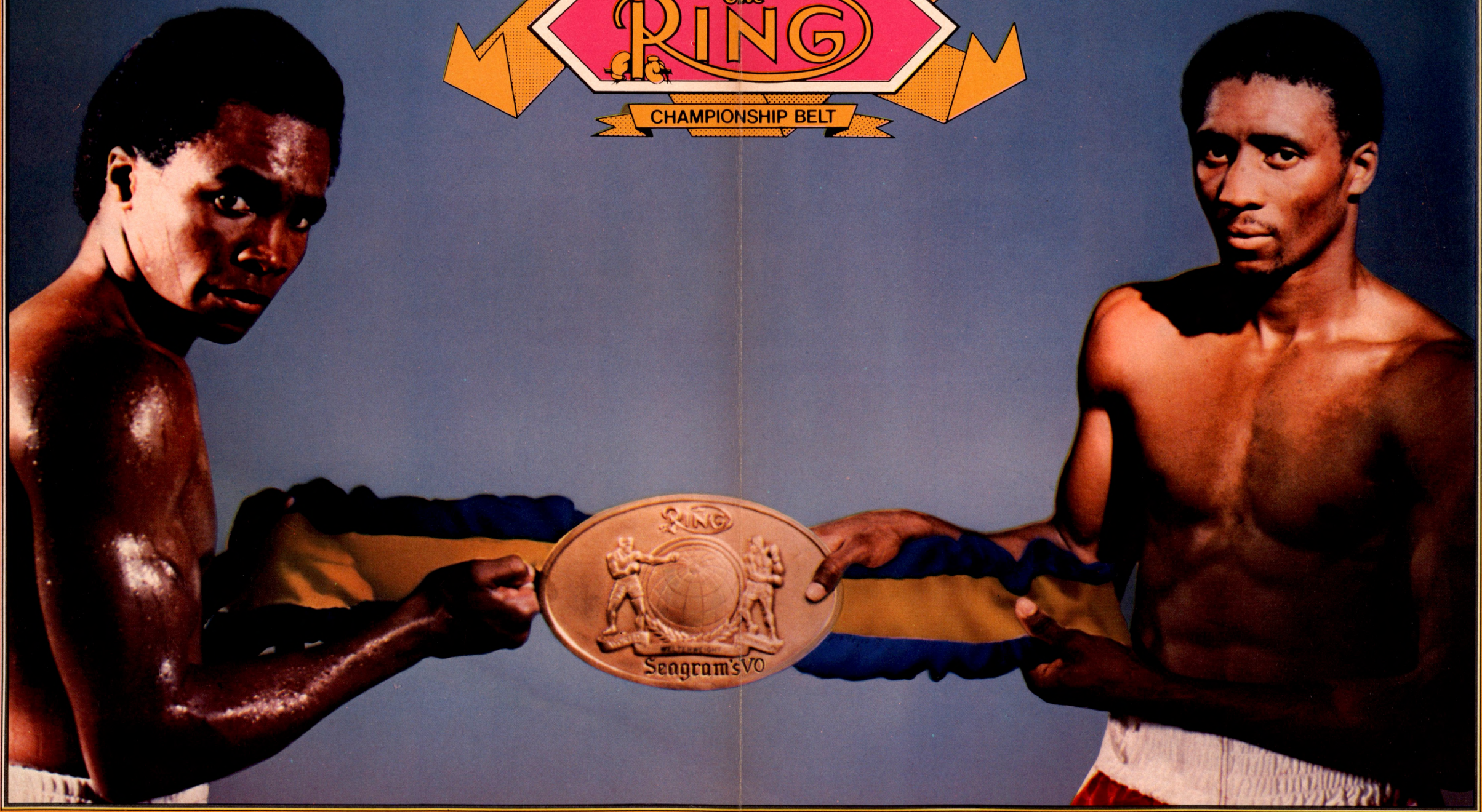

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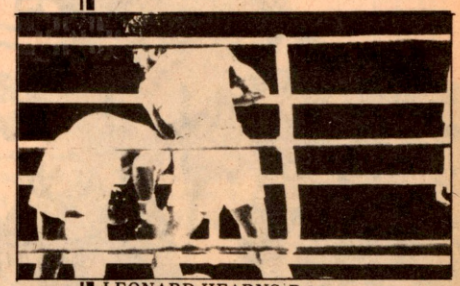

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RINGSIDE

THE WBA HAS BECOME, AT BEST, THE laughing stock of the boxing world. At worst, it is a venal organization dedicated, or so it says on its crest, to the "Control" of the sport.

These are our opinions, to be sure. But they are also the opinions of others. One of those who shares these opinions is Ron Hayter, the Chairman of the WBA's Grievances and Appeal Committee, whose letter to the WBA Executive Committee convened in concert assembled last June 24th in Houston, speaks of this "control" and its being in the hands of one man: Dr. Elias Cordova, the head of the Ratings Committee. Mr. Hayter writes:

"As Chairman of the Grievance and Appeals Committee, I have received (a) protest (from) the management of lightweight contender Claude Noel, against the arbitrary demotion of Noel from No. 1 to No. 2 in the ratings.

"There was no doubt in my mind, after reviewing the documentation, that the boxer had been deprived of natural justice when he was demoted in the ratings by Dr. Cordova.

"I might add that Dr. Cordova objected strongly to my intervention on behalf of Claude Noel, sending me a nasty telegram, and our president argued (unconvincingly) that my committee did not have the authority to consider Noel's protest because Noel was not a member of the WBA! Both these actions were unfortunate and made me wonder if peoples' rights mean anything in this organization.

"A court-enforced compromise was worked out between the WBA lawyer and Noel's management (the court making it very clear that Noel had been unfairly treated and that the WBA Ratings and Championships Committees had acted improperly) which guarantees that Noel gets the next crack at the champion—something he should have been given by the WBA as a matter of natural justice without having to go to court.

"This incident shows that boxing people are getting fed up and aren't going to stand for WBA decisions and actions which are arbitrary and unjust.

"In view of this court decision, I feel that Dr. Cordova has no option but to resign. I have lost confidence in his impartiality as Chairman of the Ratings Committee. The integrity of our organization depends on honest and fair ratings and impartial handling of Championship matches. Two years ago, we established a format for dealing with ratings, but it has been ignored. Determination of ratings cannot be a one-man show, and it must be free of influence-peddling.

"I am (also) greatly disturbed by the Weaver/Cooney/Tillis matter. I believe it is another example of the Ratings Chairman and the Chairman of the Championships Committee 'messing around' with established procedures. I do not support the directive that Weaver defend against Tillis; the logical contender is Gerry Cooney. There appears to be some manipulation taking place, and I don't like it."

So are we all, Mr. Hayter, so are we all! And your eloquent letter bespeaks the fact that the growing dissatisfaction with the WBA no longer comes from without, but also grows from within the organization; an organization run by one man, the Ayatollah Cordova, who holds the control of the organization—and boxing—in the hollow of his head.

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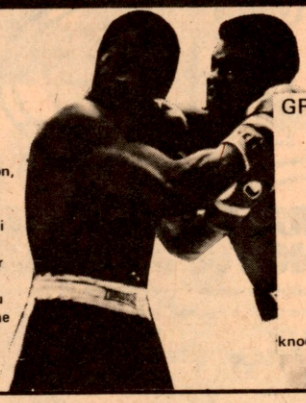

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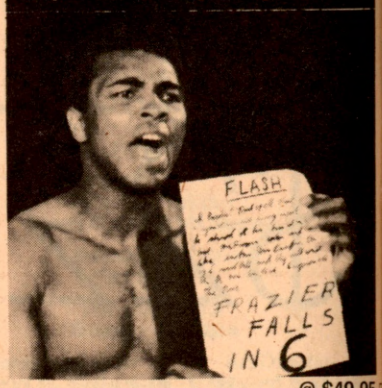

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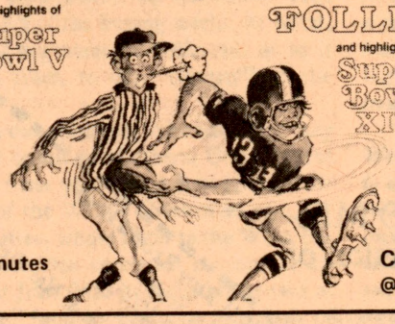

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WHEN ED KIERSH DID HIS two-part "investigative" series for *Sport* Magazine earlier this year, he looked under every rock, claiming that there was more there than meets the eye. It was like a rehash of *The Harder They Fall* with imputations, allegations and assumptions visited on every action and malevolency, the underlying cause behind everything in or around boxing.

One such allegation supposedly found "Floyd Patterson, a member of the New York State Boxing Commission, which supervises the sport in the state, worked for Top Rank as the commentator on a fight broadcast from South Africa."

Despite the fact that Patterson told the muckraking Kiersh "don't go writing that I was there with Bob Arum . . . that's not true," Kiersh went ahead and wrote it anyway.

Now Patterson has sued Sport, Kiersh and Charter Media Co. for libel, claiming that his position as a member of the state athletic commission—which does not allow him to work for anyone licensed to promote boxing in New York State—jeopardizes his position as a commissioner and his reputation. Patterson, who served as a commentator for a South African radio network and not Arum, suggests his injury is worth $900,000 in damages.

Maybe Kiersh—who claims that "sources in South Africa said he (Patterson) was working for Arum"—should have done his homework. Or, at the very least, looked under the rock more carefully. It would have saved him some aggravation. And some money.

BOXING SUFFERS OSLO DEATH

THE ODELSTING—OR LOWER HOUSE of parliament—of Norway voted in favor of banning professional boxing in Norway. The vote was 54-24 and approval of the Lagting, or upper house, is considered automatic and merely a formality.

In 1969, the Nordic Council called for a ban on pro boxing in all Nordic countries on the grounds that pro boxing lacked the strict safety practices of amateur boxing. Sweden was the first to comply with the ban and now Norway has taken up the ban.

As one wag put it: "That's Norway to run a railroad." Or, for that matter, boxing, which suffered more casualties with one vote than it ever could suffer in the ring.

GOOD KNIGHT

HIAWATHA KNIGHT, CHAIRMAN and boxing Commissioner of Michigan's State Athletic Board—the first black and first woman ever to hold that post—recently lost her position when the members of the Michigan State Boxing Board voted to oust her, electing referee Robert Watson of Mikado on a 5-2 vote to a one-year term as chairman. Oops!, make that chairperson.

Ms. Knight was appointed a year ago by Gov. William G. Milliken as chairman and boxing commissioner. Under a new state law, the board has been expanded from six to nine members and given the authority to elect its own chairman. But the chairman no longer serves as boxing commissioner. All panelists now share that power, leaving the chairman with little real power.

Knight feels that she was dumped from the spot because she was a woman. "That and the fact that I'm black and the majority of the people on the board are white men over 40 who can't accept me in that position," said Ms. Knight, a physical education teacher in suburban Highland Park, whose only qualification seems to be she coached volleyball. However, board members Robert Every of Lansing and Stuart Kirschbaum of Detroit denied that their votes were prejudiced, either by the fact that Knight is black or that she is a woman. Their prejudice seeks to be one against incompetency.

THE LOT OF A POLICEMAN IS NOT AN EASY ONE

THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN QUITE A bit of controversy over whether or not boxers actually become "punch drunk" or suffer brain damage due to their encounters in the ring. Boston neurosurgeon Dr. Fred Sonstein, who happens to be a boxing fan as well, has recently sought a grant so that he can monitor a control group of boxers during a year to determine damage to the brain and the effects on speech, memory and spatial relations. If such a study could be taken, it could very well benefit not only professional boxers, ending their boxing careers when danger of brain damage is imminent, but it might also aid non-professionals who have been categorized—perhaps wrongly—as "brain-damaged boxers".

One such case in question is that of Charles Leahy, a 40-year-old New York City Policeman who has been fighting for the last two years to regain active duty. Leahy, who was placed on restrictive duty after forgetting which locker he placed some personal belongings in—including his gun—one night after he had made three drug related arrests, claims that his time spent as an amateur boxer some years ago is being used against him. He feels that he is being punished for not handing out enough traffic summonses and for accumulating excess overtime in connection with felony arrests he made. But boxing is being made the culprit.

Leahy, a former Golden Gloves boxer who fought 32 times as an amateur, was examined by a police psychologist who determined that tests given Leahy were "strongly suggestive" of "organic brain damage" that cause mem-

ory impairment. Leahy charged that the police psychologist's diagnosis was fictitious and is taking the case to court.

A policeman since 1969 with no previous record of "memory impairment", Leahy underwent a subsequent neurological examination which proved negative and has since undergone still another extensive psychiatric and neurological examination. Again, no evidence of a psychiatric disorder was found.

Leahy, who wants to return to active duty, is outraged at the police department's decision. "I was never hurt in a boxing match," he says. "But if they get away doing this to me they'll be able to do this to any cop who was once an athlete."

For the record, welterweight Thomas Hearns serves as an "Auxilliary Policeman" in his hometown of Detroit. Of course, he doesn't get hit much . . .

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER

WHO WAS THE ONLY BOXER IN history who was truthfully billed as "Greatest"?

Last Month's Trivia Question: What Boxer boxed 202 consecutive bouts without appearing in the same city for any two fights in a row?

Answer: Young Stribling started his career in Atlanta, Ga. in 1921. In 1921 and 1922 he fought mainly in Georgia. In May, 1923 he had two consecutive bouts in Atlanta. But for the next nine years, from May 17, 1923 until July 15, 1932, he engaged in 202 bouts without appearing in the same city for two straight bouts. His skein was broken during a tour of Australia when he remained in Sydney for two weeks and had bouts on July 4 and 15, 1932. During 1925 he boxed 25 bouts in 24 different cities and in 1928 he boxed 21 bouts in 21 different cities. His traveling schedule was similar to that of professional basketball teams as he went from Pittsburgh to San Francisco to Augusta, Ga. to Boston to Kansas City in one stretch in 1925. He boxed in 113 different cities in his 286 bout career. His career was ended in 1933 when he was killed in a motorcycle accident.

WON'T UNDER-STANDER

AS A GAUGE TO JUST HOW FAR A man can fall, try Ron Stander's four-round fight in Milwaukee against the winner of the Milwaukee Toughman Contest.

Put on as "live" action before the closed-circuit showing of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Ayub Kalule fight, the man who had once fought for the heavyweight championship went four rounds in a bore-snore match with someone named Jeff May. Predictably, the man who now claims to train on "three six-packs a night," resembled only the illegitimate son of Fatty Arbuckle as he stumbled through four losing rounds.

One fan, commenting on the live action before the closed-circuit festivities got under way, was moved by the sight of Stander to say, "It was like going to a theater to see a good movie and watching the cartoons first."

Ron Stander belongs in the cartoons. And so, for that matter, do Toughman Contests.

FOUL-OF-THE-MONTH

SENOR ELIAS CORDOVA, THE MOVing power behing the WBA and a man who has his head in the clouds and his feet on the ratings, recently proved that while he was all those things he was hardly a man of letters.

For, at the recent WBA conclave in Houston, Sr. Cordova—with enough *chutzpah* to be divided into three parts, like Gaul—announced that he had failed to respond to one of the complaints received by the WBA about their ratings because "the man had no association with the WBA."

Perhaps, as one wag witnessing the fiasco said, "Somebody was using the office pencil." Or, perhaps Sr. Cordova's action—or inaction, as the case may be—was designed at recruiting more "Associate Members" to further swell the coiffers of the WBA. Then, and only then, as "Associate Members" could they get their letters answered, proving conclusively that Sr. Cordova is nobody's fool—just the WBA's.

Of course, any potential "Associate Member" joining just to get his mail answered might take the approach to membership Groucho Marx once did when informed his application for admission to the Friar's Club had been accepted: "I don't want to belong to any organization that would accept me as a member, " he is reputed to have said. And that says it all about the WBA.

PUNCHLINES

MARVIN HAGLER, THE USUALLY softspoken, but outspoken, middleweight champion, when asked by a newsman how often he shaved his famous bald noggin, demurred, saying "That was one of the few questions I won't answer." The newsman, apparently, was not pushy enough to try to make him answer.

Jim Watt, former WBC lightweight champion, on his whiter-than-white complexion: "I'm like a bottle of milk with gloves."

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

COSTANTINO, "LULU", 60, JULY 6, 1981, on Long Island, N.Y. "Lulu" was a lightweight whose career began in 1939 and ended in 1949 with a total of 136 bouts.

DANIEL, DAN, 91, IN POMPANO BEACH, Florida. Dean of America's baseball writers, Daniel also covered boxing and was one of the founders of the *Ring* Magazine. The Baseball Writers Association of America voted him the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for "meritorious contributions to baseball writing" and he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1972.

GALLUCCI, FRANK, 66, IN TACOMA, Washington. A Brooklyn-born professional boxer in the late 1930's, died of a heart attack. Since retiring from the ring, Gallucci went into the restaurant business.

SWESSEL, JOE, IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. Swessel was a judge for many boxing matches, the last card he judged being that of the Holmes-Berbick bout.

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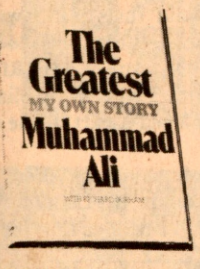

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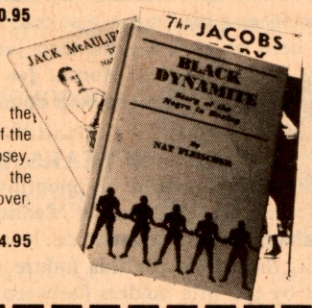

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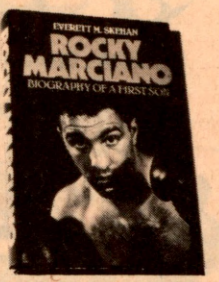

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45 YEARS AGO

¶ September, 1936: An article by Max Schmeling filled the opening pages of this issue. Fresh from his upset win over "Mighty" Joe Louis, Schmeling used the column to tell how he won the fight. Disclaiming any swelled-headedness, Max said that Louis gave him the hardest fight of his career. The reason for his success, he claimed, was due in great part to the advent of the motion picture camera. By viewing the films of earlier Louis performances, Max said that he "Saw something"—a flaw in Louis' stance which left him open to a good right hand. An article in the July, 1936 issue of THE RING by former champ Jack Johnson confirmed what Schmeling had seen. So it seems that THE RING played a part in the end of the "Myth."

¶ Jack Dempsey also wrote an article about the aftermath of the fight. He felt any comeback attempt by Louis would be difficult since Joe was past his peak: "I believe that Joe Louis had reached his highest point in professional boxing *prior* to the Schmeling bout and that from now on, he'll never improve."

30 YEARS AGO

¶ September, 1951: "Walcott Is Finally Champion." Described as one of the most remarkable achievements in ring history, the "Old Man" of boxing—estimated to be somewhere between 37 and 40 years old at the time—won the world heavyweight crown by KOing Ezzard Charles in the seventh round. "It was a consumate knockout. Charles tumbled, took a count of nine, tried to get up, tumbled over on his head and hit the boards pretty hard." A spectator said: "It did my heart good to see the old guy win."

¶ Nat Fleischer had a prediction on the outcome of the upcoming return title match between Sugar Ray Robinson and his nemesis, Randy Turpin. Writing from London, Nat said: "If Robinson trains hard and once again is the Ray we know—sharp, scientific, even cruel in his punching—then Turpin will return here minus the crown." Knowing the outcome of that fight, Nat knew his stuff!

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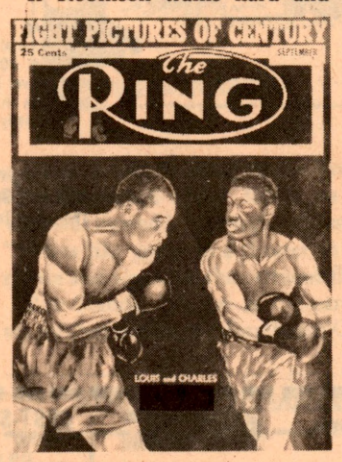
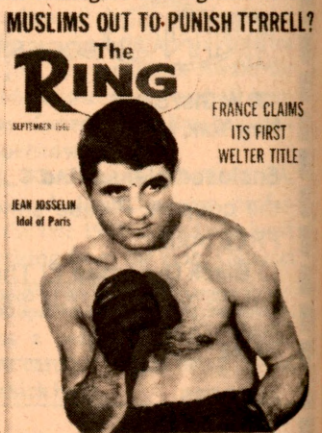


¶ Considering his "miracle of determination" there seems to have been no choice other than Jersey Joe Walcott as THE RING Fighter of this Month. Joe Louis was rated as the number two heavyweight with youngster Rocky Marciano in third position.

15 YEARS AGO

¶ September, 1966: In his monthly column, Nat Fleischer commented on the failure of Madison Square Garden to present championship fights in the lower weight divisions. As he saw it, the reason for this failure was the excessive purses asked by the title holders (between $40,000 and $100,000). "In addition, they request a good portion of the TV fee." In Nat's opinion, it was up to the managers and fighters to cut their exorbitant demands.



¶ Dan Daniel reported that although there was great public demand for a Clay (Ali)-Terrell showdown, it was doubtful that it would occur due to Black Muslim opposition. Clay's "advisors" were said to be punishing Terrell for refusing to meet the champ in Toronto for $75,000. Meanwhile, Karl Mildenberger, the reigning European Champion, was—according to his trainer—both ready and very likely to beat Cassius.

¶ Ernie Terrell, recognized by the World Boxing Association heavyweight champion, was the Fighter of the Month. The award was based on his recent victory over Doug Jones. Despite this, and RING'S opposition to Clay's refusal to be inducted into the Army, it was stated that there could be only ONE world champion and that Muhammad (spelled Mohammad) Ali was it.

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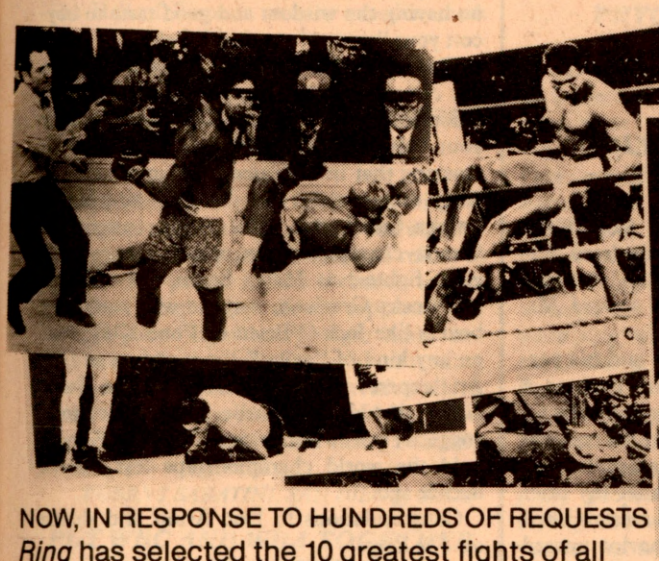

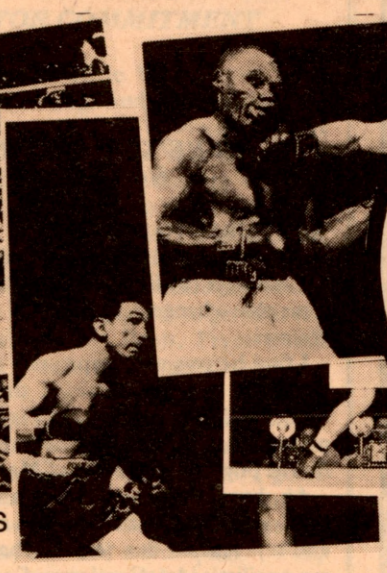

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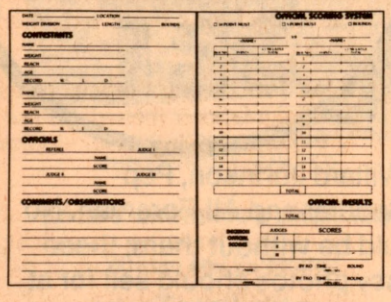

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THERE'S NO PACE LIKE HOLMES'

I'D LIKE TO SHARE MY REACTION toward the Holmes-Spinks showdown during and after the fight. The result of the fight somewhat changed my attitude toward Mr. Holmes.

I find he was very impressive and his performance had me admiring the man as a fighter and as a humane and very considerate person when he verbally showed his concern for the physical well-being of Mr. Spinks.

Ah, but in a minute or two after my brief admiration my old attitude was reestablished and rejuvenated due to his behavior toward my pugilistic idol, Gentleman Gerry Cooney.

His reaction showed me a strong feeling of intimidation and knowledge of his pugilistic fate when he steps into the ring with "Gentleman Gerry". Mr. Holmes is trying to resort to a form of psychological intimidation. These methods might prove effective on a fighter of lower caliber, Mr. Holmes, but the outcome of a confrontation between you and Gentleman Gerry will prove that the use of these methods has been in vain. Putting it bluntly, Mr. Holmes you are going to get your behind whupped!

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COONEY'S OPPONENTS NEED GERITOL

What is going on in the heavyweight division? Have fighters, managers and promoters no conscience when it comes to boxing?

Take the Cooney-Norton fiasco, for example. Norton comes out of retirement for one last shot. How foolish! What makes him think he can win a "big" fight now, when he couldn't in his prime? And Gerry Cooney? When is he going to fight a "live" opponent? Dennis, Young, Lyle and Norton were in their primes in the mid-1970's. I've heard that Rappaport and Jones have lined up Ingemar Johannson for big Gerry next.

R.L. MAY, KELSO, WASH.

"WORST" REACTION — ARMIT 2, RING 0

For some time now, I've considered Eric Armit the most knowledgeable of all boxing writers. Now, I must compliment Eric on having the wisdom and good taste to boycott your "worst champions" poll.

The words "worst" and "champion" are *not* compatible. Your article maligned some outstanding boxers, but it didn't say much for your "blue ribbon" ratings panel either. It is amazing that in the same issue in which *The Ring* crows about its "highly respected" ratings board, this same group compiles a "worst champions" list which names such great fighters as Marty Servo, Joey Maxim and Rocky Graziano. Anyone who could put boxers like Jack O'Brien or Pone Kingpetch on any kind of "worst" list is not an expert. An "expert" who can't remember Soo Hwan Hong should, as Charlie McGill's cartoon suggests, wear a dunce cap. The little Korean held the world championships less than a decade ago.

Congratulations to Eric Armit and shame on *The Ring*.

BRIAN McDONOUGH, QUINCY, MASS.

First I'd like to say that it feels good to have a magazine like yours that is really honest and doesn't coddle to the WBC or WBA, which are insults to boxing.

RONNIE THUEMLER, TAMPA, FLORIDA

ONE VOTE FOR "WORST" FROM UPSTATE

Although *The Ring's* special poll on the "Worst champions of all time" was amusing, I was surprised that Roberto Duran was not selected as the "Worst" welterweight of all time. Surprisingly, he didn't even get a vote.

I never deny the fact that Duran was one of the greatest lightweight champions ever. But, after winning the welterweight title from Sugar Ray Leonard, a vastly overrated fighter, all Senor Hands of Stone did was embarrass himself as well as the entire sport of boxing.

JOHN STRICKLAND, DUE WEST, S.C.

HOW COULD HALL OF FAME OVERLOOK MONZON?

It is hard to believe that those who voted in the recent Boxing Hall of Fame Election, could neglect naming a man who reigned as Middleweight Champion from No-

vember 7, 1970 to August 29, 1977—making fourteen successful defenses of his title and twice defeating Emile Griffith, the man you *did* induct. Carlos Monzon has three other wins over men—Napoles and Benvenuti twice—who were given more votes than him. The Hall of Fame is truly a question mark without him.

BILL BECK, NO. VERSAILLES, Pa.

CRUISING FOR CRUISERWEIGHT RECOGNITION

I would like to see you give some kind of support to the fairly new "Cruiserweight" division. I find it puzzling that you refuse to give the 190-pound athlete a chance to perform in a weight class clearly separate from the 175-pound light heavyweight limit, and well below the weight of today's contending heavyweights. In short, it is a division which would have its own identity, and I hope *The Ring* would get fully behind this potentially exciting new weight class.

ROBERT SABATINI, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

PUT WBC AND WBA TOGETHER AND WHAT DO YOU GET? NOTHING.

I thought the article on the WBA and WBC ratings in your June issue was an unheralded masterpiece! It is about time that both of the crooked organizations were truly revealed for what they are— nothing I often wonder if their ratings committees consists of Norm Crosby, Rodney Dangerfield, David Brenner and the like.

What boxing needs today are honest sets of ratings ranking boxers with proven records against quality opponents so that boxing fans like myself will never have to second-guess "rated opponents" and can enjoy the unique sport to the fullest.

The Ring ratings, I feel, are the most genuine of any to be found. Congratulations on a fine piece of journalism!

TODD EDELSCHEIN, PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

AVE AVELAR

I think you have somewhat underrated Antonio Avelar in your "How the WBC and WBA Rate" in the June *Ring*. I'll agree that up until the Canto fight he was, as you say, "at best a club fighter."

However, after he changed managers and had a "Canto lesson" he developed skills beyond most expectations, namely as a superbly conditioned power puncher. His future as WBC Flyweight Champion depends on his continued unrelenting dedication to a rigorous training schedule. Incidentally, Avelar is from Guadalajara, not Merida.

JOHN ALLEN, ETZATLAN, JALISCO, MEXICO

PRYOR COMMITMENT

I have always tried to be objective when it comes to boxing. And, even though I do have some favorites, I try to watch a fight as objectively as possible, almost as if I were a judge myself. But when it comes to watching Aaron Pryor fight, I hate to admit that I'm a boxing fan. His style is so unconventional that it seems as though he is wrestling more than boxing. I will never understand how a manager can allow his fighter to get into the same ring with Aaron Pryor. Pryor would never maul, wrestle and hang all over *my* fighter.

I know that there are quite a number of fighters who are considered maulers, but Aaron Pryor takes it to the extreme. I guess many people won't agree with what I'm saying, and will feel "Well, that's just the way he fights; and he's a champion." Well, being a lover of boxing, he'll just have to be a champion with one less fan.

ADALAIDE TYNDALE, PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

WHAT'S MISSING IN THIS PICTURE? ONE REFEREE THAT'S WHAT.

I am an amateur historian with a special interest in boxing's Golden Era—the period covering the reigns of champions Jeffries, Hart, Burns and Johnson. Recently, I stumbled upon an error which has been made by nearly every compiler of the history of the Heavyweight Championship, including Lardner (in his splendid "The Legendary Champion"), as well as your own *Record Book*. It is a simple mistake that threatens to become accepted fact, and to a trivia buff like myself this is unpardonable: On Feb. 23, 1906 the referee for the Tommy Burns-Marvin Hart heavyweight title fight was Charles Eyton, *not* Jim Jeffries.

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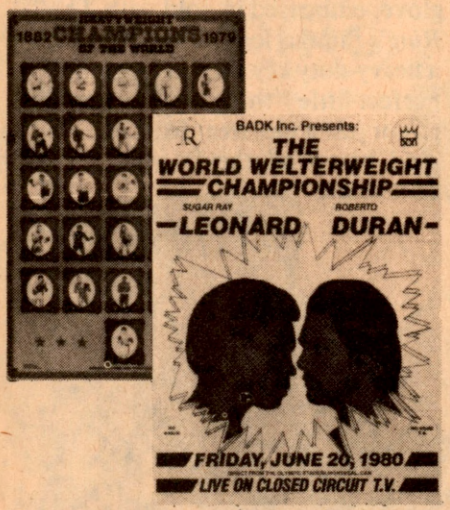

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q Has a referee ever quit a fight in disgust and walked out of the ring?

—BOB CATTERFIELD

A *One such fight that comes to mind occurred on May 20, 1923 in a fight between Jack Johnson, former world heavyweight champion, and Jack Thompson. Their twelve-rounder, staged in an Havana bullring, was so slow that the fans began making derisive catcalls. Referee Villamil left the ring in utter disgust. The promoter climbed into the ring and refereed the balance of the "no decision" bout. After the contest was over both boxers were fined $500 for "stalling."*

Q I notice that *The Ring* does not use the term cruiserweight in its ratings and I would appreciate some information on who does use this term and what it stands for in the rankings?

—C.E. CAIRNS

A *The term "cruiserweight" was first used in Great Britain and its associated territories to designate the 175-pound limit, or as it is and was known elsewhere, the light heavyweight class. In recent years the World Boxing Council came up with a class between the light heavyweights, 175 pound limit, and the heavyweights and called it "cruiserweights" with weight limitation being between 175 pounds and 190 pounds. This class is not recognized by the WBA, nor* The Ring, *leading one, when asked what "cruiserweight" was, to reply, "Larger than a breadbox and smaller than a battleship."*

Q Has a woman ever judged a world heavyweight championship?

—DORIS BLAKE

A *The first woman to ever judge a world heavyweight title bout was Eva Shain, who judged the Muhammad Ali vs. Earnie Shavers bout on September 29, 1977 in Madison Square Garden, New York.*

Q Please inform me as to the correct age of Barney Ross when he died and what his real name was?

—HANCEL ARTCHEFSKY

A *Ross was born Barnet Rosofsky on December 23, 1909, in New York City and he passed away on January 17, 1967, in Chicago, after a long fight with cancer.*

Q I am working with a group of youngsters who average about thirteen years of age and have procured your "How To Box" and "Training For Boxers". Can you suggest anything else?

—SAM HOFFMAN

A *Yep. Pick up a copy of Nat Fleischer's "Scientific Blocking And Hitting and Other Methods of Defense." $2.00 from* The Ring *Book Shop.*

Q Is a fighter legally considered on the canvas when he is hanging over the ropes?

—ERIC MALDORI

A *In such a situation a fighter is considered non-combatant and the referee should start to count the fighter out. The referee should halt his count when the boxer is off the ropes and ready to defend himself.*

Q I am inquiring into the background of a Welsh fighter by the name of Howard Winstone. Did he ever hold a world title?

—R.J. CONNIFF

A *Winstone held British recognition as World featherweight champ in 1968. He began his pro career in 1959 and hung up his gloves in 1968. He had 65 fights, losing only 6 times. As an amateur he won 84 of 86 contests and in 1958, prior to turning pro, and, held the Welsh, British ABA and Empire Games bantamweight championships.*

Q Archie Moore, after being decked three times in one round in his championship fight against Yvon Durelle back in 1958, came back to knock out his opponent. Why wasn't the fight stopped and how significant was the fight to Moore?

—FRANK MacDONALD

A *At the time of that fight, the three-knockdown rule was not in effect. The reader must remember that the referee has it within his power to to disregard this rule if he desires. As to the significance of the fight: Moore was, at the time of the fight—December 10, 1958—the light heavyweight champion of the world. And when he climbed off the floor to come back and kayo Durelle in round eleven, he not only retained his title, but set the all-time knockout record, break-*

ing the-then accepted record he shared with Young Stribling of 126.

Q Is 18 too old to start boxing? I have been fooling around with the kids in my neighborhood since I was thirteen and use the big and light bags, jump rope, run, and try hard to keep in shape.

—KENNY RUSH

A *It is never, almost never too old to get serious. Remember, Rocky Marciano was 22 when he took up boxing. I know a guy who started to jump from planes at age 71. The parachute didn't open and he is no longer around, but his instructor said it wasn't the victim's age that did him in. A week later, the instructor was killed when his parachute failed to open and he was only 24. Back to boxing, if you are serious, then enter The Golden Gloves in your area or try out for the AAU Nationals.*

Q The Newburgh Free Library has received inquiries on the value of boxing cards found in cigarette packages (Mecca etc) at the turn of the twentieth century. Can you help? *—J.R.H. HEAD OF REFERENCE*

A *These cards are valued at from $2.00 to $3.00 each, depending on condition. A complete set triples the value.*

Q Can you please indicate where I can have a championship belt like the one the WBC gives to its champions made?

—JAMES C. BRANCH

A *You can contact the WBC care of Mr. Jose Sulaiman, Apartado 75-254, Mexico City 14, D.F. Mexico. Or, in the alternative, check with any plastic toys manufacturer.*

Q I noticed in your June 1981 issue, that you hold the world lightweight title "Vacant," but, in the June issue, Jim Watt is listed as *The Ring*'s world champion. How come?

—ALBERT RIVERO

A *Sean O'Grady became the WBA champion by winning over Hilmer Kenty. Prior to winning this crown, Sean had been defeated by Watt in Scotland when Sean was halted due to severe cuts. Watts, the WBC champion, holding a win over O'Grady, the WBA champion in a bout with the championship at stake is now recognized by* The Ring *as the lightweight champion.*

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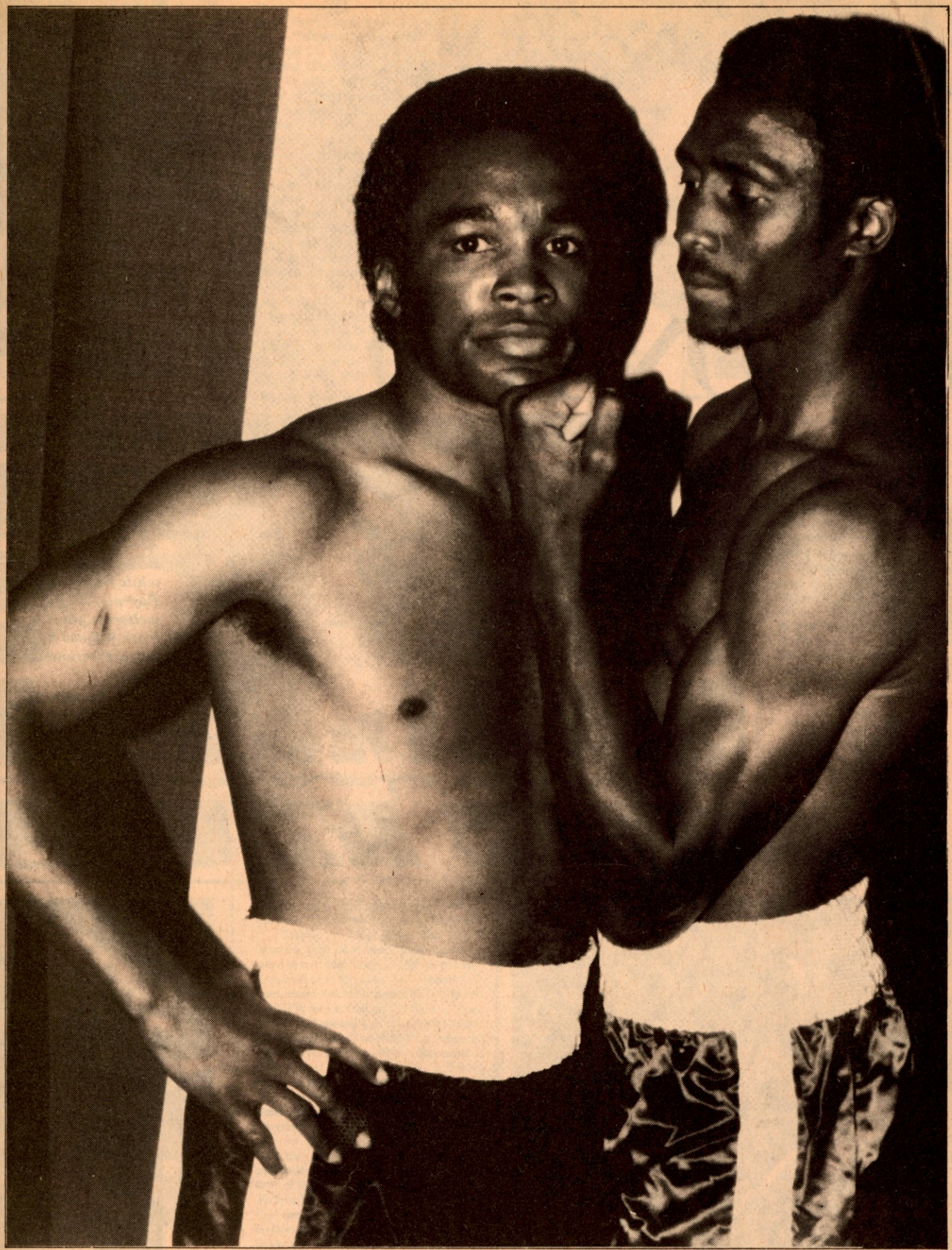
THE SHOWDOWN FOR THE WORLD WELTERWEIGHT TITLE: ¶ WBC CHAMPION LEONARD VS WBA CHAMPION HEARNS

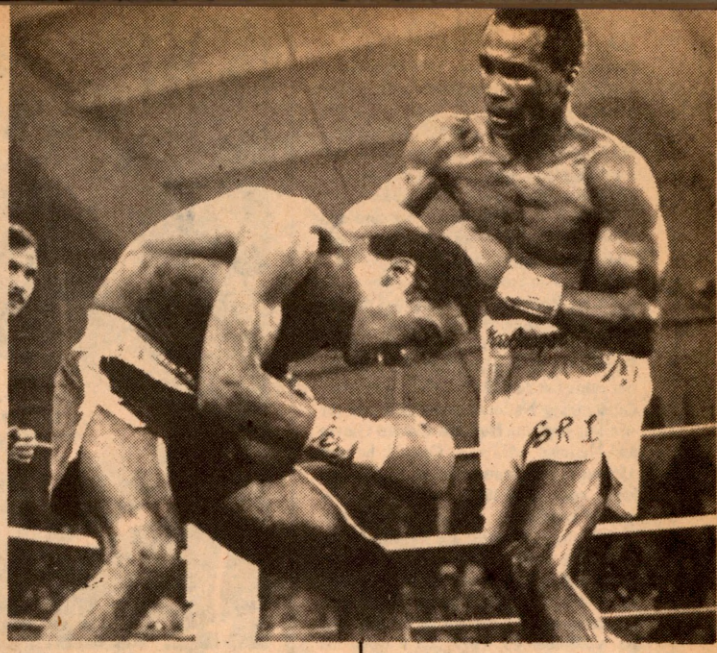
WHEN "The Great Fights of the Century" are listed, they usually begin, and end, with heavyweight championship fights. This total preoccupation, even call it a conceit, which concerns itself with the heavyweight division—and nothing but the heavyweight division—does a disservice to boxing, and to the lighter weights, where the action is. ¶ Now, with the signing of Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns for a 15-round bout for the World's Welterweight Championship, the center ring no longer belongs exclusively to the heavyweights. In fact, this bout between the two "giants" of the 147-pound division will not only be the biggest money-maker in history of boxing, but also promises to be one of those few fights which, like Ali-Frazier I, promises to fulfill everything it holds itself out to be. And more. ¶ Call it Leonard-Hearns. Call it Hearns-Leonard. Call it "The Fight of the Decade." Whatever, you can call it "Excitement". **BOXING IS AT ITS BEST**

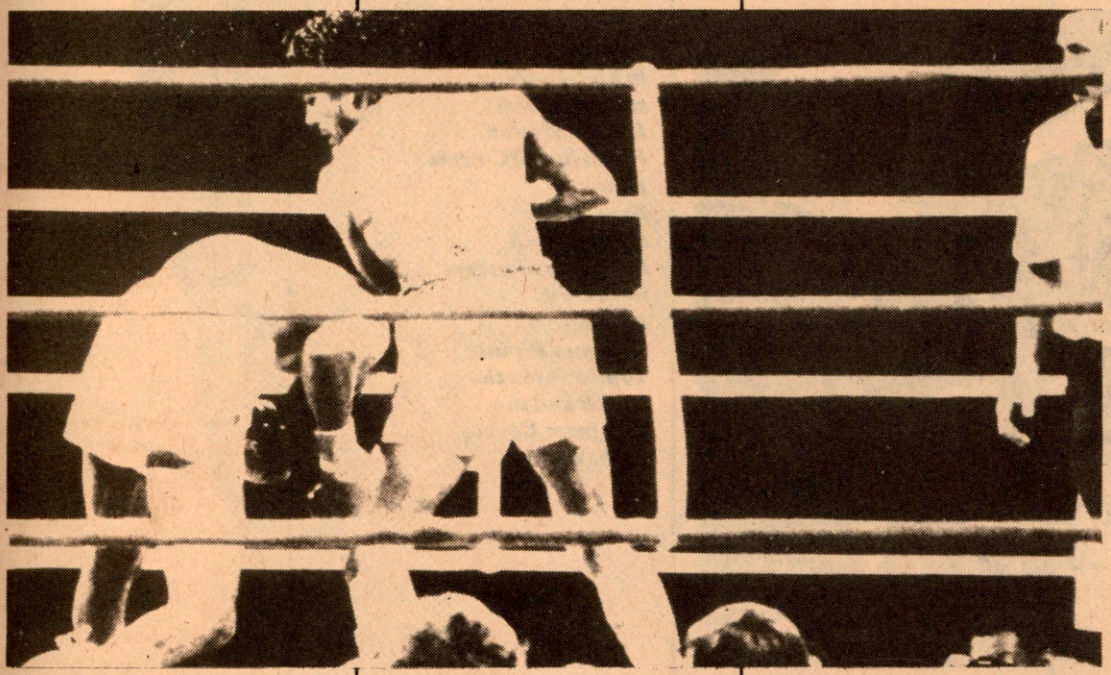


LEONARD

Above: Nail that Pole. Leonard dominates Kazimier Szcerba during the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.
Above, right: Bobbing Benitez while Leonard lands. Ray won the welterweight title from Wilfred by a fifteenth round K.O.
Right: Duran-Leonard I. Going down? Roberto beat Sugar Ra at see-saw in Montreal
Below left: Sugar's Sweet Revenge: Ray pressed hard and Duran brought forth the "No mas" generation.

Born Ray Charles Leonard on May 17, 1956 in Wilmington, North Carolina . . . The fifth oldest of seven children born to Getha and Cicero Leonard . . . Named after singer Ray Charles . . . Began fighting as an amateur at the age of 14 . . . Two years later, won his first amateur title . . . Won 145 out of 150 bouts, stopping 75 opponents . . . All five losses were by close decision . . . Won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1975 . . . Six decision victories, the last against Cuba's vastly-talented Andres Aldama, gave Leonard the 1976 Olympic gold medal in the 140-pound class . . . Including his amateur career, Leonard had a 68-fight winning streak until his loss to Roberto Duran in Montreal . . . He avenged that loss and regained his Welterweight crown in the now notorious "No Mas" bout with Duran in New Orleans . . . Ray is a gifted athlete who still enjoys going one-on-one in basketball . . . He is also a strong runner . . . Has an extremely long reach (74") for a welterweight . . . Attendance records fall whenever Leonard fights . . . In May, 1977, the attendance at Landover's Capital Centre for Muhammad Ali title defense was under 16,000. In January, 1979, 19,743 fans jammed the

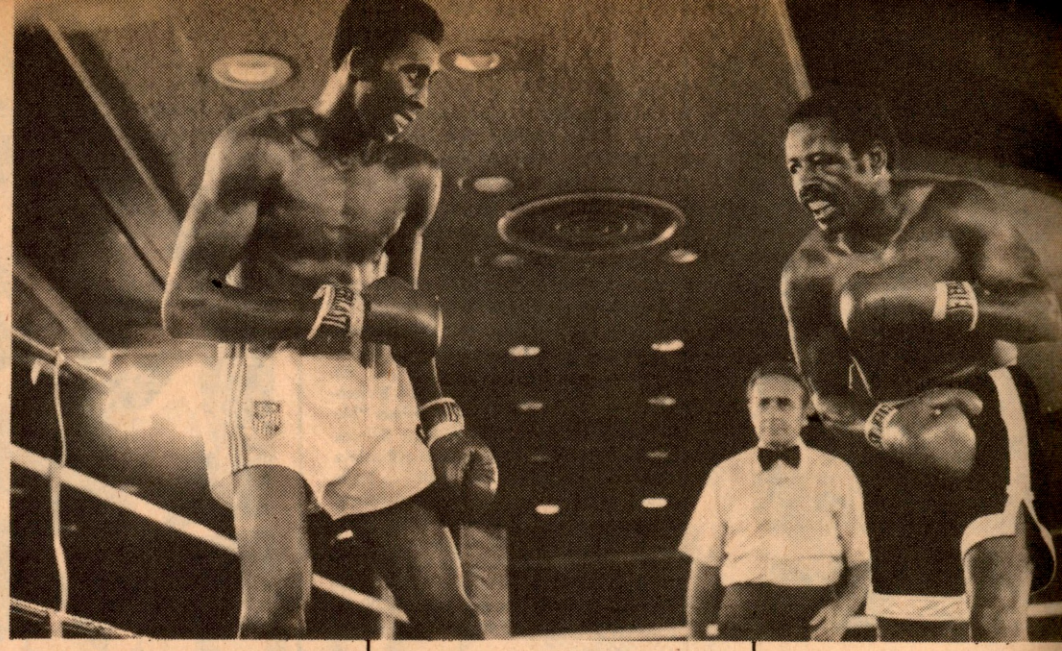


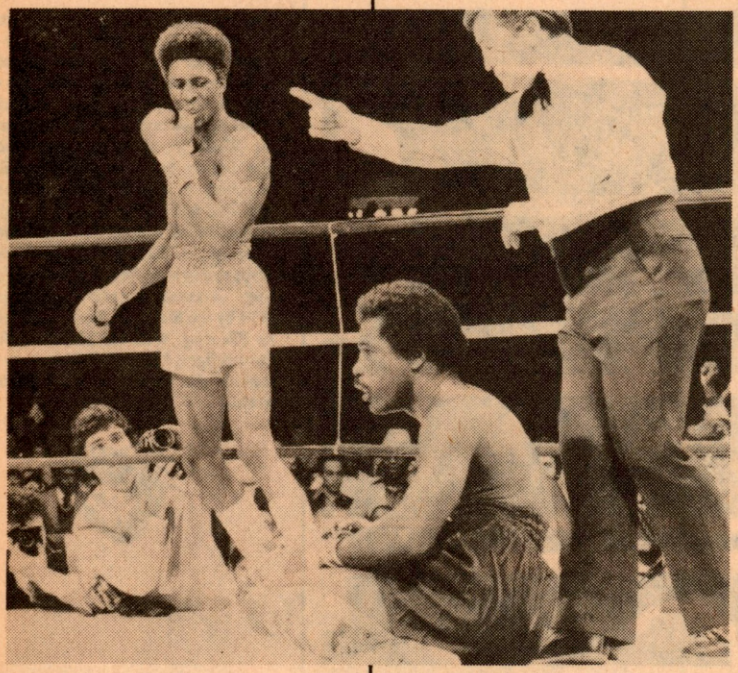


Leonard has become the most recognizable personality in sports, and the most sought after . . . He became the first man since Henry Armstrong to hold two world titles simultaneously when he defeated Ayub Kalule on June 25, 1981, gaining the WBA Jr. Middleweight crown . . . Has already done many commercials and appeared on several top-rated television news and talk shows . . . Has several commercial offers and television appearances lined up . . . Has shown a proficiency to adapt to any style he may encounter in the ring . . . Voted "Fighter of the Year" for 1979 by the New York Boxing Writers and by *The Ring*. With the $8 million for the Hearns fight, Leonard is on his way to becoming the highest-paid athlete in the world.

building to watch Leonard fight Johnny Gant . . . Managed by Angelo Dundee . . . Trained by Dave Jacobs and Janks Morton, who have been with Leonard since he started boxing . . . For his professional debut in February 1977, received a then-record $40,000, plus $10,000 from CBS-TV, which telecast the fight . . . In that bout, Leonard won a six-round decision against Luis (The Bull) Vega before a record crowd of 10,170 in Baltimore's Civic Center . . . His third bout, a third-round technical knockout of Vinnie DeBarros, drew a SRO crowd of 6,127—four times larger than any previous crowd in Hartford, Connecticut's boxing history—to the Hartford Civic Center . . . Won the title in his 26th bout, stopping previously unbeaten Wilfred Benitez in 2:54 of the 15th round on November 30, 1979 in Las Vegas . . . The bout was the first non-heavyweight featured attraction on home television in almost 20 years . . . Sugar Ray's record stands at 30-1 . . . Has a knockout percentage of .700 . . . His fights last an average of 7.10 rounds . . .

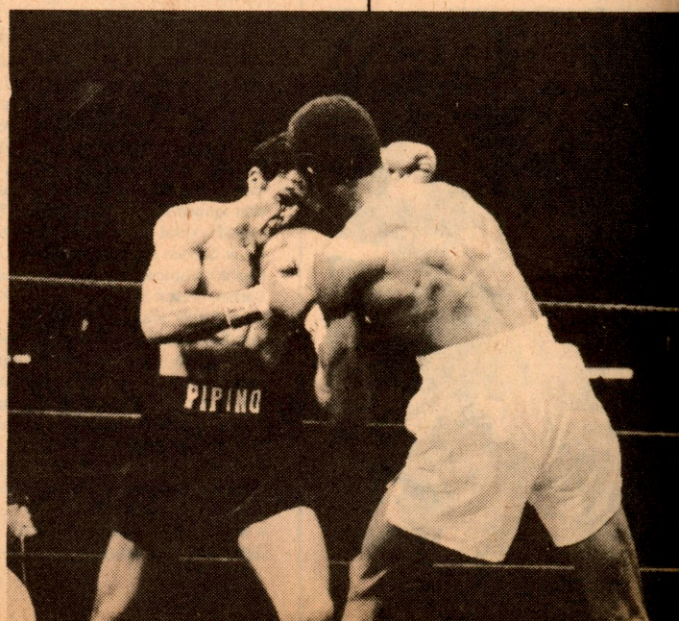
Born on October 18, 1958, in Memphis, Tennessee . . . His mother, Lois, moved with her nine children to Detroit's east side in 1964 after being abandoned by her husband . . . Began boxing at the age of 10 at the King Solomon gym near his home . . . When his coach quit working at the gym, Hearns ventured to the Kronk gym on the other side of town . . . There he met Emanuel Steward and there he developed into one of today's most outstanding fighters . . . In 1974, his first year with Steward, Hearns won the Midwest Regional Jr. Olympic Title. In 1975 he became the Michigan Golden Gloves titlist as well as AAU champion. He lost in the finals of the 1976 AAU's, but came back in 1977 to be named Most Outstanding National Amateur Boxer for winning both the National Golden Gloves and National AAU's . . . Overall, he won 155 out of 163 amateur fights . . . Surprisingly, only 12 of those victories were by way of knockout . . . "Leverage and balance," claim Steward, are the two things that have turned Hearns from a mere boxer into the most awesome welterweight in the world . . . Made his pro debut with a second-round knockout of Jerome Hill on November 25, 1977 . . . Kayoed his

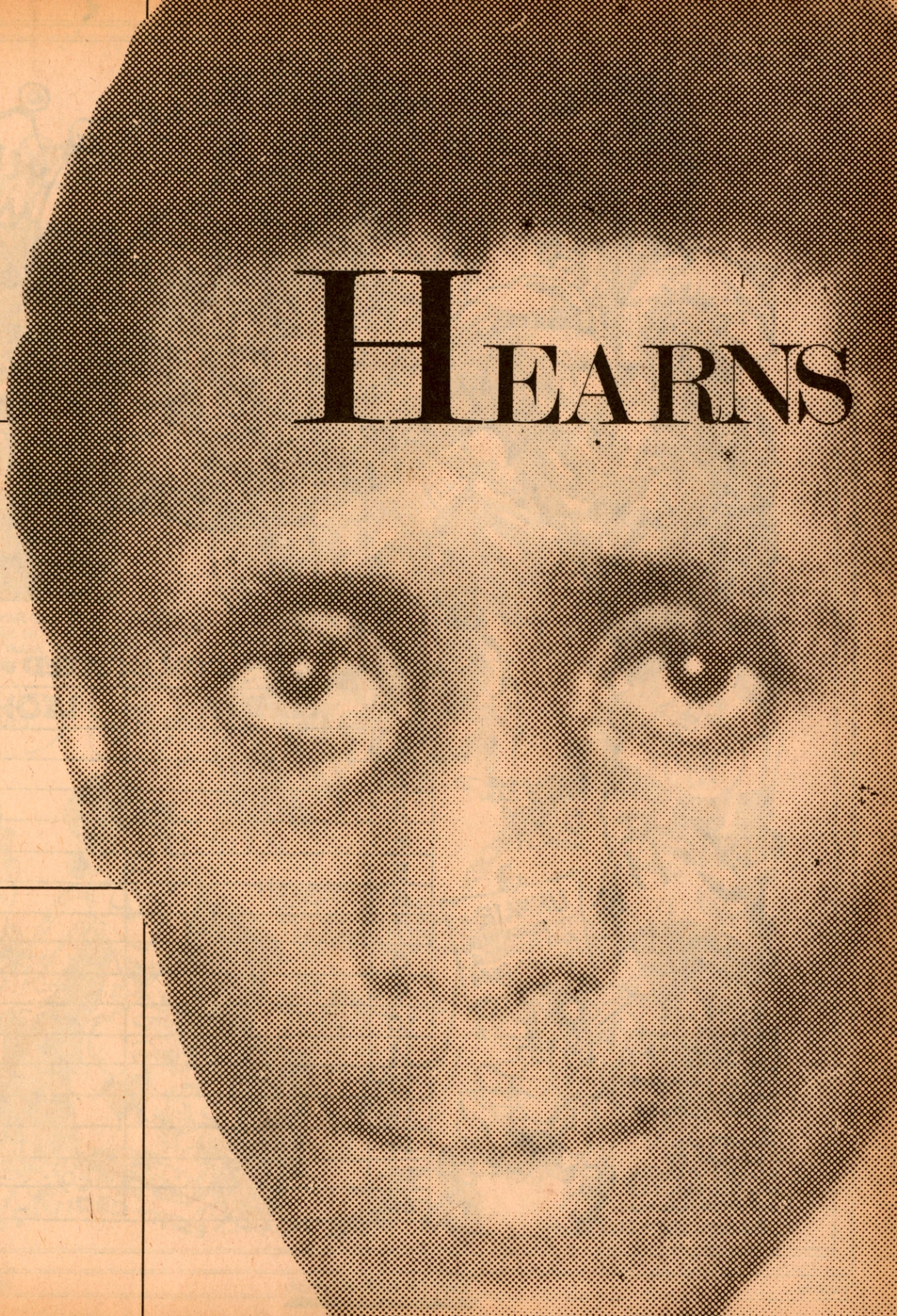




Above:
Hipshot Hearns in his low-slung stance against Harold Weston. Photo by NBC Press
Left:
Espada saw the stars and heard the numbers in Detroit.
Below:
Pop goes Pipino. Tommy took the starch and the title from Cuevas in the second.

first 17 opponents—a welterweight record among titleholders—before an injured right hand forced him to go the distance against Alfonso Hayman on April 3, 1979. Hearns won every round of that fight . . . Had his best year statistically in 1978, when he was 11-0, including 11 knockouts . . . Followed that with another big year in 1979, winning all 10 of his fights, eight by knockout or stoppage . . . Among his victims that year were welterweight contender Harold Weston, Jr., Bruce Curry, Mao de la Rosa, perennial welterweight contender Clyde Gray, middleweight contender Mike Colbert and former junior middleweight king Saensak Muangsurin . . . Stopped two more former world champions in 1980 (Angel Espada, fourth round; Eddie Gazo, first round) before halting WBA titleholder Pipino Cuevas in the second round of their title fight on August 2, 1980 in Detroit . . . Ended the year with a successful defense, kayoing previously undefeated Luis Primera of Venezuela in the sixth round . . . In his two 1981 starts, halted Randy Shields in the 13th round and Pablo Baez in the fourth. Both were title defenses . . . Hearns' fights last an average of 4.06 rounds . . . His .938 knockout percentage is the highest in welterweight title history . . . Possesses the longest reach in the welterweight division (78") as well as the coldest, meanest pre-fight stare . . . An oddity among prizefighters as he never jumps rope or hits the speed bag . . . His goal in boxing is to win titles in five divisions (welterweight, jr. middleweight, middleweight, light heavyweight, and cruiserweight), something no man has ever done . . . Will take a major step toward achieving that goal on September 16th as he looks to beat Sugar Ray Leonard, winning Leonard's world welterweight title and WBA junior middleweight crown.

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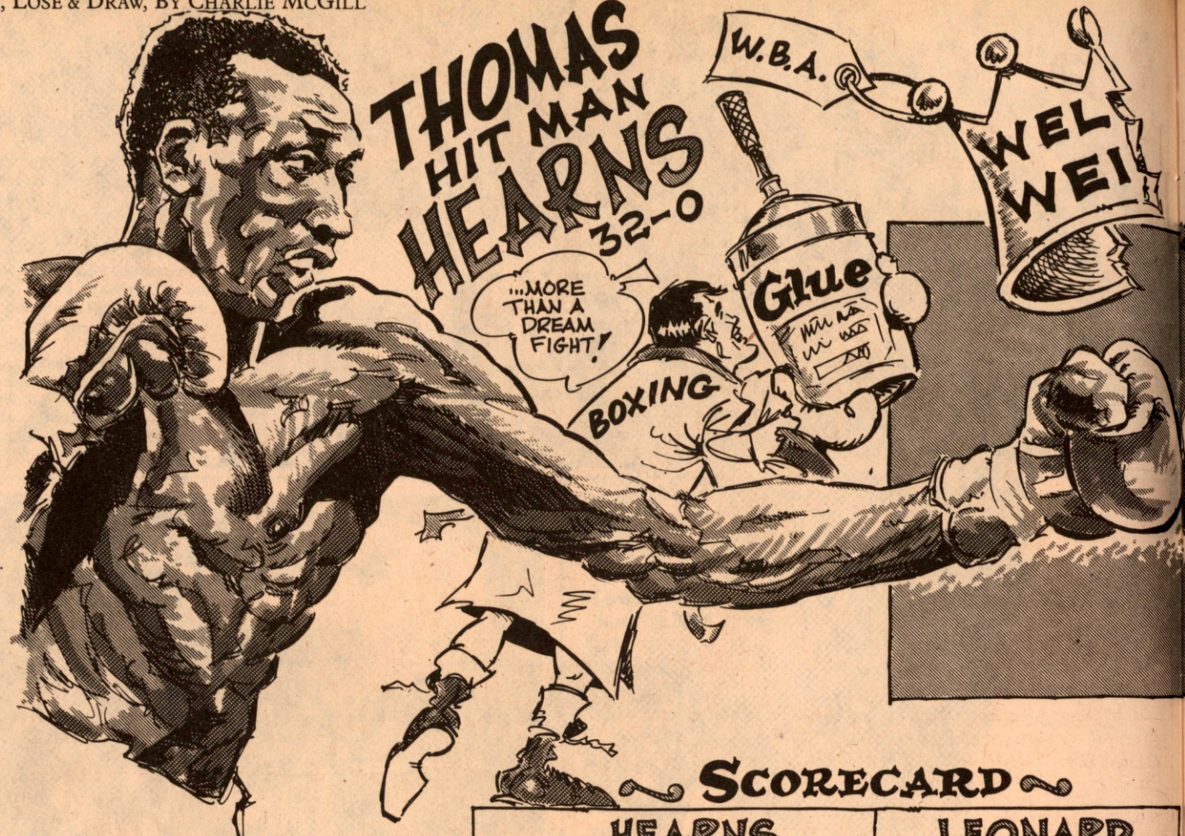

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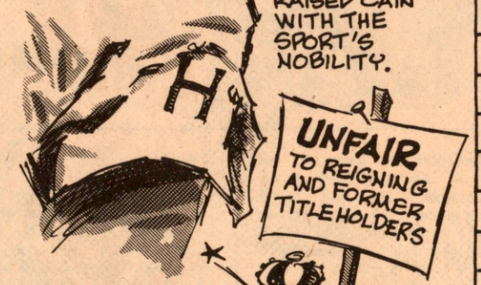

HEARNS HAS KO'ED PIPINO CUEVAS, EDDY GAZO, ANGEL ESPADA AND SAENSAK MUANGSURIN.

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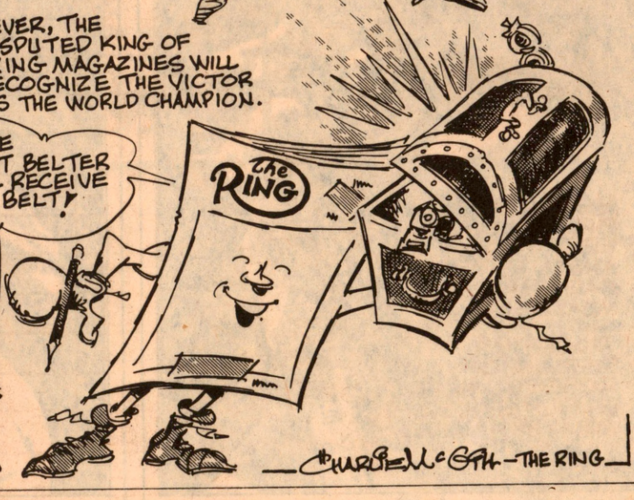

CHARLIE MCGILL—THE RING

JOE FRAZIER, former heavyweight champion—"Hearns is off balance a lot. He doesn't throw punches from the shoulder more than a few times a fight. He wings most of his shots. He had lots of trouble with Shields. Sugar Ray will beat him up. 'Nuff said."

SANDY SADDLER, former featherweight champion—"I pick Hearns by a knockout. His terrific power is the edge."

WILLIE PEP, former featherweight champion—"Hearns has been knockin' people dead, but Randy Shields, a smart boxer, gave him lots of trouble. I think he'll have trouble with Leonard. It'll be a close fight. I won't pick any winner, but I lean towards Leonard."

EMANUEL STEWARD, Hearns' manager-trainer—"After what I saw in Houston, Hearns wins in five."

HAROLD WESTON, JR., former welterweight contender and current Assistant Matchmaker of Madison Square Garden—"I'll give Hearns a slight edge because of his punching power."

DICK YOUNG, Executive Sports Editor, New York *Daily News*—"Hearns!"

BOB SURKEIN, former President, AAU—"If Hearns is sharp, Leonard will have his hands full. For the first time, Leonard will be giving away height and punching power. The fight can go either way, depending on whose night it is. The outcome is very unpredictable."

EMILE GRIFFITH, former five-time world champion—"I like Hearns. He's tall, has the reach over Leonard, the power over Leonard and he can also take a good punch. Hearns didn't look good against Randy Shields, but Leonard didn't look good against Larry Bonds. Hearns will do the things he has to do against Leonard to win."

JUAN LA PORTE, featherweight contender—"Sugar Ray will win. He's the better fighter."

NINO GONZALES, junior middleweight contender—"I'll take Sugar Ray to stop him."

CURTIS HARRIS, hard-hitting lightweight contender—"I have to go with Leonard. He has the speed to make Tommy miss and to counter him. If anybody has the tools to beat Hearns it's Leonard."

PHIL PEPE, New York *Daily News* Sports Writer—"Leonard in 12 or 13."

JOHNNY BOS, International Matchmaker—"Leonard by TKO in 12."

SAL MARCHIANO, Sportscaster, ESPN—"There will definitely be a 'Goodnight Sweet Prince' in this one."

TONY TUCKER, undefeated "Tomorrow's Champions" heavyweight—"Leonard's greater speed will cause Hearns problems. Hearns' greater height and reach will cause Leonard problems. I think Leonard will take a decision, but it should be a very close fight."

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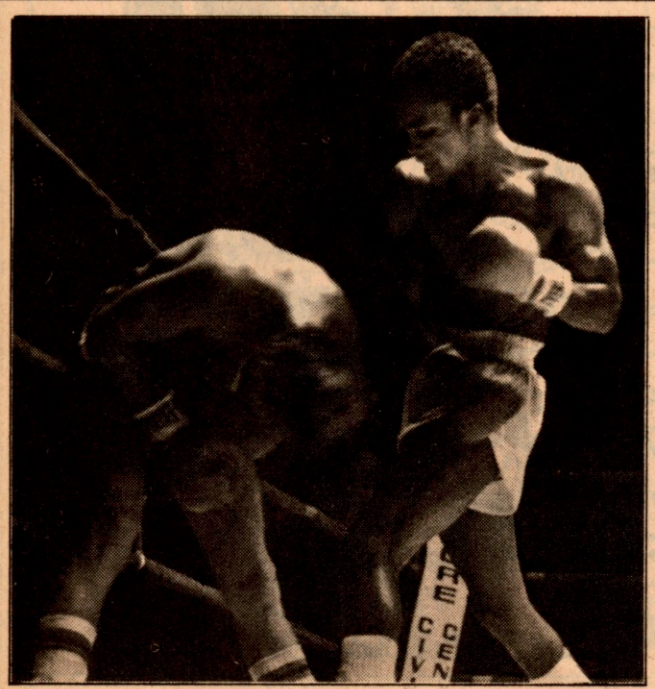
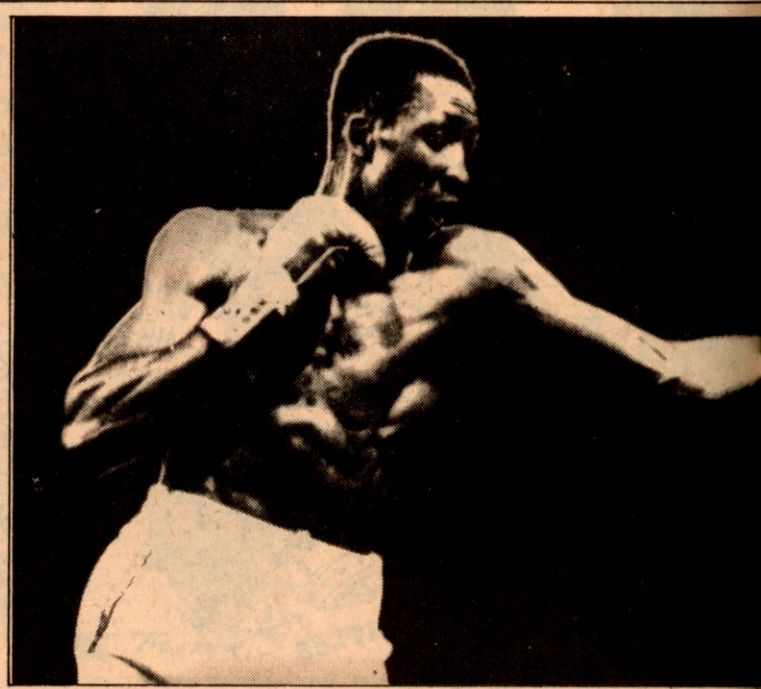
ROCKY LOCKRIDGE, top-rated featherweight contender—"Leonard will win either by a decisive decision or by a late-round TKO."

LOU DUVA, Fight Manager—"I think this fight is a case of styles. What it comes down to is a question of whether Leonard will be able to adapt to Hearns' speed and height. If Janks Morton and Angelo Dundee can put together a battle plan that Leonard can execute properly, then this will be quite an interesting fight. The man who adapts to the other's style the best wins."

BOBBY CZYZ, undefeated middleweight sensation—"I wouldn't bet on this fight if you gave me money. I somehow think Leonard will win, but both of these guys have the tools to emerge victorious."





AARON PRYOR, World Junior Welterweight Champion—"I've already beaten Hearns—in the amateurs—and I'd love to fight Leonard. I don't know who will win and I don't care. I just want the winner."

MILTON McCRORY, unbeaten Kronk welterweight contender—"Hearns by a knockout inside of five."

SAOUL MAMBY, WBC Jr. Welterweight Champion—"Hearns doesn't hit as hard as most people think he does. I think Duran hits harder, and Duran couldn't stop Leonard in two fights. This one will go all the way, with the late rounds being the difference. I'll go with Hearns on a decision."

TONY AYALA, JR.—"It should be a sensational fight, but I don't have any idea who will win. I think it's too close to call."

JIM JACOBS, Fight Film Historian/Manager, Wilfred Benitez—"I think that both fighters will be knocked down in this bout and the fight will go to a split decision, just like the first Leonard-Duran fight."

GEORGE BENTON, Veteran trainer—"I have to lean towards Leonard. Hearns seems to have trouble with evasive guys like Alfonso Hayman and Randy Shields. Harold Weston, Jr., a good fighter but shorter than Leonard, also gave Hearns plenty of trouble. Leonard is a smart, polished fighter. He'll do what he has to to win.

DAVEY ARMSTRONG, once-beaten Kronk lightweight—"This one is too tough to call."

STEVE FARHOOD, Editor, KO Magazine—"Leonard will win a unanimous decision. His side-to-side movement will confuse Hearns. By the later rounds, Hearns will slow down and Leonard will be able to get inside and score heavily."

JOE DiMAGGIO, Baseball Hall of Famer—"This is too much of a fight for me to pick. I think it'll be one of the greatest fights of all time. All I know is I want to see it. I really want to see it."

EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD, WBA Light Heavyweight Champion—"Hearns is too big and too hard a hitter for Leonard. Hearns is also quite fast and a great boxer. Hearns will win, no question about it."

LOU FALCIGNO, President, Momentum Enterprises, Inc.—"Sugar Ray will win the fight."

ROLLIE SCHWARTZ, Chief of Officials, United States Amateur Boxing Federation—"I look for Leonard to win a decision, coming on very strong in the last five rounds. I have the utmost respect for Hearns and think he's extremely talented, but Leonard will be too much for him, especially in the final five rounds."

DAN DUVA, Promoter, "The Showdown"—"I've heard it said that no athlete is worth the money that Hearns and Leonard are being paid. I don't believe that to be true in this case. I'm sure every fan will get more than his money's worth by the time the evening is through."

RAY ARCEL, veteran trainer—"I have this feeling that Hearns can win, but it's very difficult to pick a winner. I think Hearns will be able to keep Leonard from executing the things he has to do."

SAM SOLOMON, Veteran Trainer—Hearns by K.O.

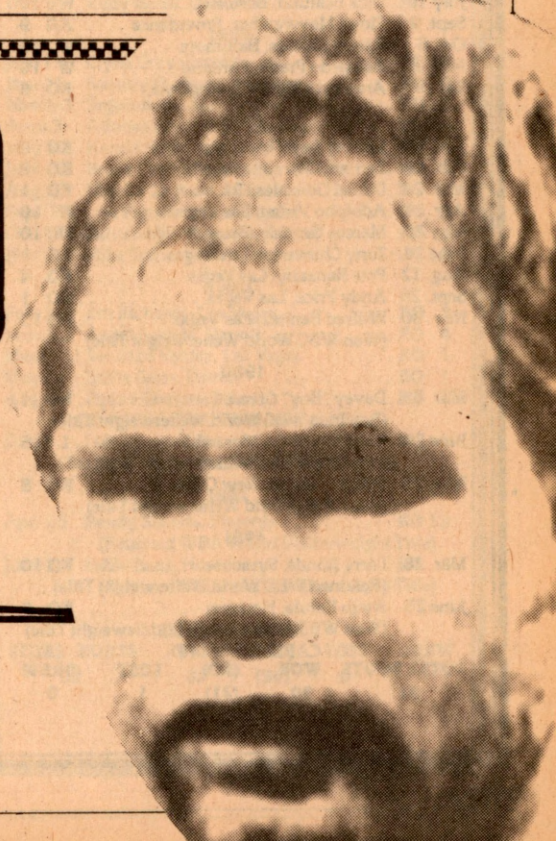
BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR, Editor and Publisher—"The fight will be determined less by Leonard's right than by Hearns' left. The result will be an inverse proportion to how low Hearns keeps his left, not in the first round, when he'll hold it high, but in the second, third and fourth. I am in awe of Hearns' power, yet it's hard to pick against Leonard. I see Leonard winning by a decision."

NAT LOUBET, Associate Publisher—"Leonard's job will be to slide in under Hearns' superior reach and work the body, something nobody has ever done against Hearns with any success. Hearns' job will be to hold off Leonard with his left jab, setting him up for the finishing right. Hearns in six."

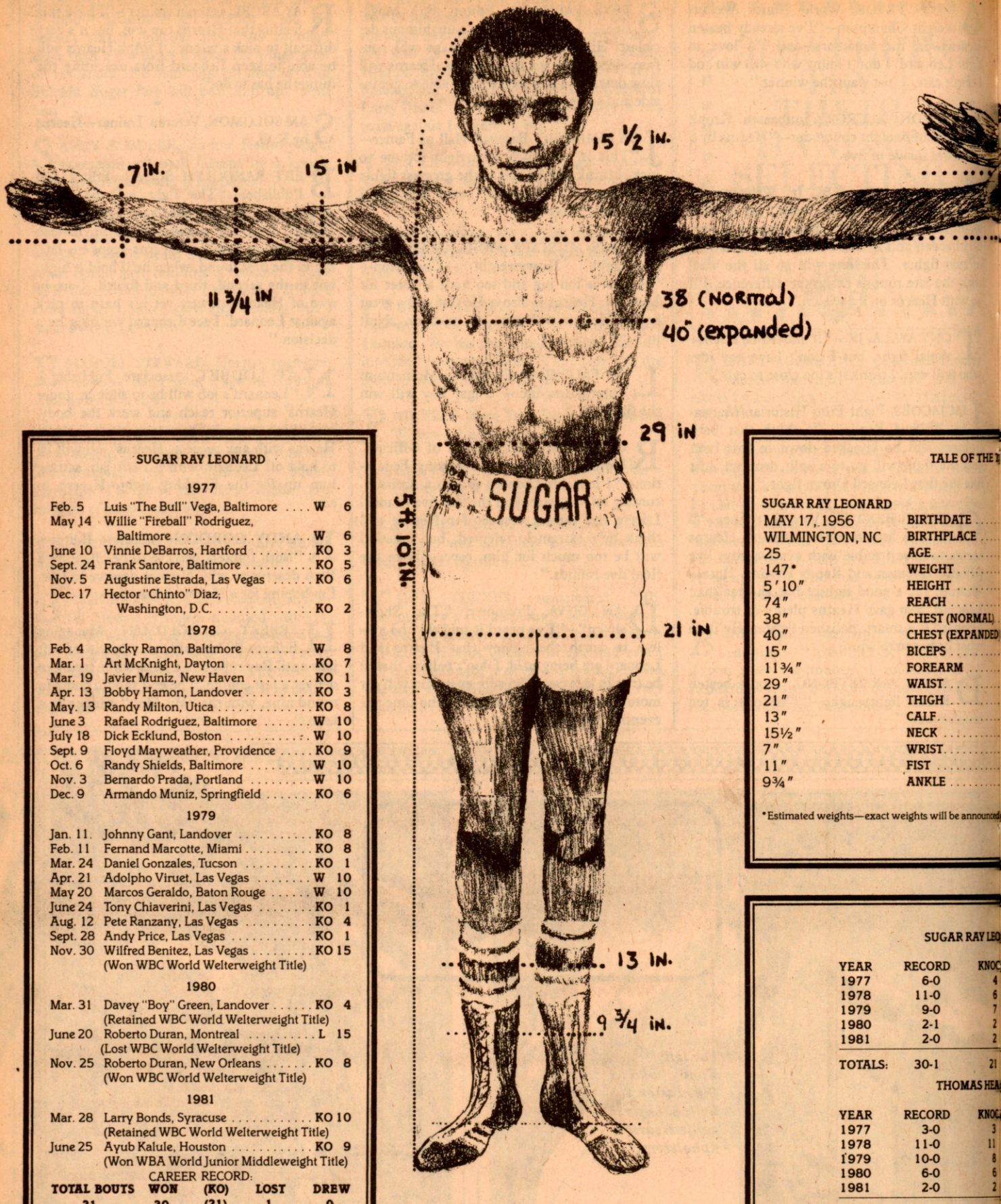
RANDY GORDON, Associate Editor—"Both fighters deserve to be champion. Both deserve to win. Neither deserve to lose. I'm hoping for a 15-round draw."

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN, Managing Editor—"This will be a battle of left jabs until Ray runs into a right while trying to deliver a fast combo. The end should come in round nine, with the "Hit Man" winner by a kayo."

"Hi!, my name is Randy Shields. I'm the only man who ever fought both Tommy and Sugar Ray. They beat me up."



Far left: Randy bows to the master. Left: Shields sniffs Hearn's upholstery.



SUGAR RAY LEONARD

	1977		
Feb. 5	Luis "The Bull" Vega, Baltimore	W	6
May 14	Willie "Fireball" Rodriguez, Baltimore	W	6
June 10	Vinnie DeBarros, Hartford	KO	3
Sept. 24	Frank Santore, Baltimore	KO	5
Nov. 5	Augustine Estrada, Las Vegas	KO	6
Dec. 17	Hector "Chinto" Diaz, Washington, D.C.	KO	2
	1978		
Feb. 4	Rocky Ramon, Baltimore	W	8
Mar. 1	Art McKnight, Dayton	KO	7
Mar. 19	Javier Muniz, New Haven	KO	1
Apr. 13	Bobby Hamon, Landover	KO	3
May. 13	Randy Milton, Utica	KO	8
June 3	Rafael Rodriguez, Baltimore	W	10
July 18	Dick Ecklund, Boston	W	10
Sept. 9	Floyd Mayweather, Providence	KO	9
Oct. 6	Randy Shields, Baltimore	W	10
Nov. 3	Bernardo Prada, Portland	W	10
Dec. 9	Armando Muniz, Springfield	KO	6
	1979		
Jan. 11.	Johnny Gant, Landover	KO	8
Feb. 11	Fernand Marcotte, Miami	KO	8
Mar. 24	Daniel Gonzales, Tucson	KO	1
Apr. 21	Adolpho Viruet, Las Vegas	W	10
May 20	Marcos Geraldo, Baton Rouge	W	10
June 24	Tony Chiaverini, Las Vegas	KO	1
Aug. 12	Pete Ranzany, Las Vegas	KO	4
Sept. 28	Andy Price, Las Vegas	KO	1
Nov. 30	Wilfred Benitez, Las Vegas (Won WBC World Welterweight Title)	KO	15
	1980		
Mar. 31	Davey "Boy" Green, Landover (Retained WBC World Welterweight Title)	KO	4
June 20	Roberto Duran, Montreal (Lost WBC World Welterweight Title)	L	15
Nov. 25	Roberto Duran, New Orleans (Won WBC World Welterweight Title)	KO	8
	1981		
Mar. 28	Larry Bonds, Syracuse (Retained WBC World Welterweight Title)	KO	10
June 25	Ayub Kalule, Houston (Won WBA World Junior Middleweight Title)	KO	9

CAREER RECORD:

TOTAL BOUTS	WON	(KO)	LOST	DREW
31	30	(21)	1	0

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SUGAR RAY LEONARD	
MAY 17, 1956	BIRTHDATE
WILMINGTON, NC	BIRTHPLACE
25	AGE
147*	WEIGHT
5'10"	HEIGHT
74"	REACH
38"	CHEST (NORMAL)
40"	CHEST (EXPANDED)
15"	BICEPS
11¾"	FOREARM
29"	WAIST
21"	THIGH
13"	CALF
15½"	NECK
7"	WRIST
11"	FIST
9¾"	ANKLE

*Estimated weights—exact weights will be announced

SUGAR RAY LEO

YEAR	RECORD	KNOC
1977	6-0	4
1978	11-0	6
1979	9-0	7
1980	2-1	2
1981	2-0	2
TOTALS:	30-1	21

THOMAS HEA

YEAR	RECORD	KNOC
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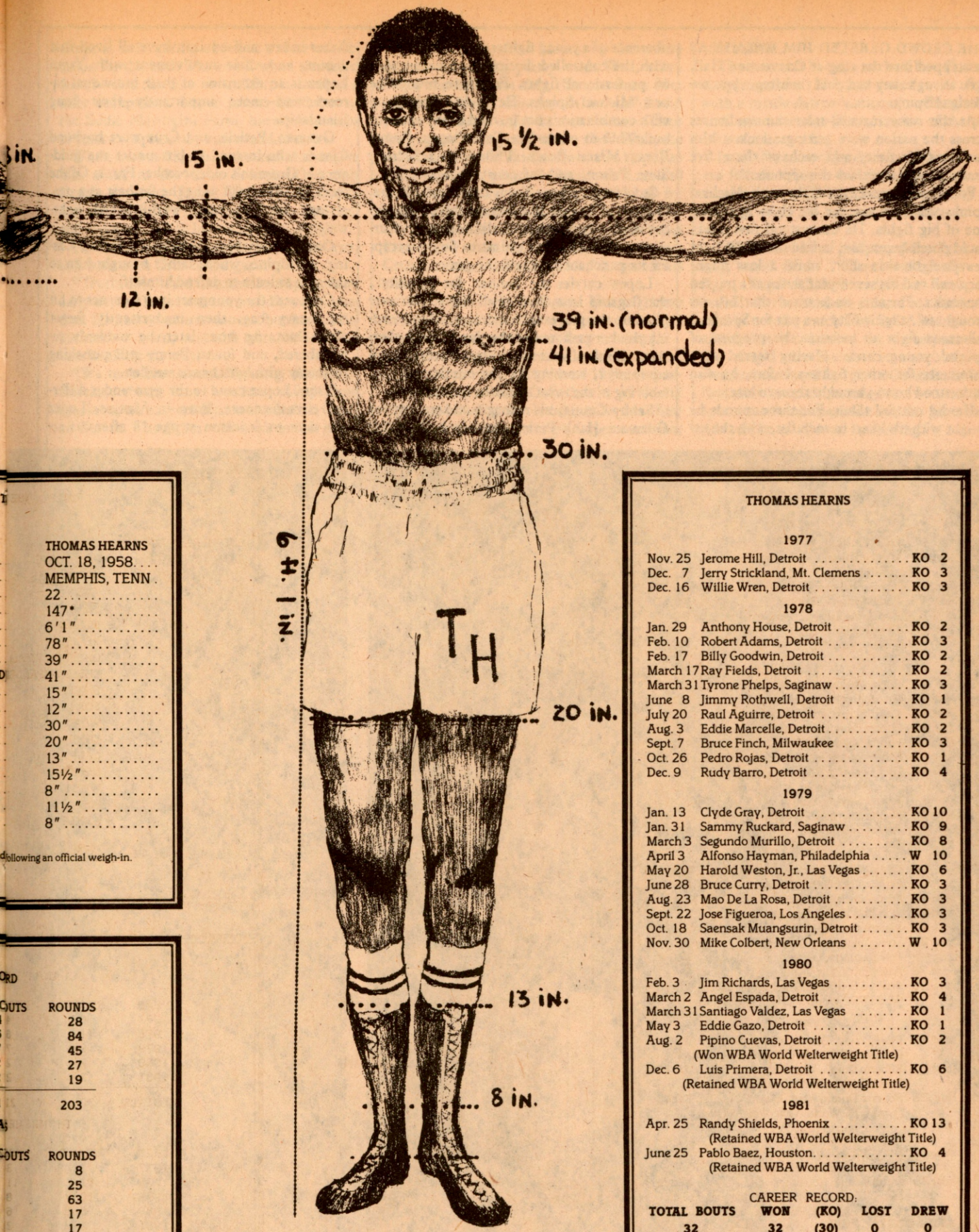
1979	10-0	8
1980	6-0	6
1981	2-0	2
TOTALS:	32-0	30



THOMAS HEARNS
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MEMPHIS, TENN.
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OUTS	ROUNDS
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	84
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	203

OUTS	ROUNDS
	8
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	63
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	17
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THOMAS HEARNS

1977

Nov. 25	Jerome Hill, Detroit	KO 2
Dec. 7	Jerry Strickland, Mt. Clemens	KO 3
Dec. 16	Willie Wren, Detroit	KO 3

1978

Jan. 29	Anthony House, Detroit	KO 2
Feb. 10	Robert Adams, Detroit	KO 3
Feb. 17	Billy Goodwin, Detroit	KO 2
March 17	Ray Fields, Detroit	KO 2
March 31	Tyrone Phelps, Saginaw	KO 3
June 8	Jimmy Rothwell, Detroit	KO 1
July 20	Raul Aguirre, Detroit	KO 2
Aug. 3	Eddie Marcelle, Detroit	KO 2
Sept. 7	Bruce Finch, Milwaukee	KO 3
Oct. 26	Pedro Rojas, Detroit	KO 1
Dec. 9	Rudy Barro, Detroit	KO 4

1979

Jan. 13	Clyde Gray, Detroit	KO 10
Jan. 31	Sammy Ruckard, Saginaw	KO 9
March 3	Segundo Murillo, Detroit	KO 8
April 3	Alfonso Hayman, Philadelphia	W 10
May 20	Harold Weston, Jr., Las Vegas	KO 6
June 28	Bruce Curry, Detroit	KO 3
Aug. 23	Mao De La Rosa, Detroit	KO 3
Sept. 22	Jose Figueroa, Los Angeles	KO 3
Oct. 18	Saensak Muangsurin, Detroit	KO 3
Nov. 30	Mike Colbert, New Orleans	W 10

1980

Feb. 3	Jim Richards, Las Vegas	KO 3
March 2	Angel Espada, Detroit	KO 4
March 31	Santiago Valdez, Las Vegas	KO 1
May 3	Eddie Gazo, Detroit	KO 1
Aug. 2	Pipino Cuevas, Detroit (Won WBA World Welterweight Title)	KO 2
Dec. 6	Luis Primera, Detroit (Retained WBA World Welterweight Title)	KO 6

1981

Apr. 25	Randy Shields, Phoenix (Retained WBA World Welterweight Title)	KO 13
June 25	Pablo Baez, Houston. (Retained WBA World Welterweight Title)	KO 4

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THE CROWD GREETED HIM WARMLY AS he stepped into the ring at Convention Hall, even though they had paid their money to see Michael Spinks.

At the same instant, television audiences across the nation were getting a look at him for the fifth time, and each of those five times, Yaqui Lopez was the opponent.

For Yaqui Lopez, the fight with Michael Spinks was just another big fight in a long line of big fights. He understood that a win could possibly put him in line for a fifth light heavyweight title shot, while a loss might very well end his seven-year status as a top ten contender. He also understood that he was brought to Atlantic City as a test for Spinks, a milestone fight to measure the progress of Spinks' young career. Having served as a barometer for other fighters before, he also understood he was brought there to lose.

He did not fail them. For three rounds he fought with his heart in each fist, with the exuberance of a young fighter on the way up but with the controlled discipline of a man with 66 professional fights. For three rounds he beat Michael Spinks. He backed Spinks up with combinations not learned in the amateur ranks, but in places like Copenhagen, Rome, Reno, Miami Beach, Philadelphia, Rahway State Prison, and, of course, Stockton.

Stockton is where Yaqui Lopez calls home. Outside of having the deepest inland port in the world, the northern California agricultural town has no other claims to fame—except for its penchant for the fight game.

Lopez carries the banner for Stockton, the flagship in a fleet of all those who ever laced up the gloves with a dream, after spending the better hours of the day picking cherries, peaches and apricots, driving farm equipment, working for the municipality, or laboring in the town's limited industry.

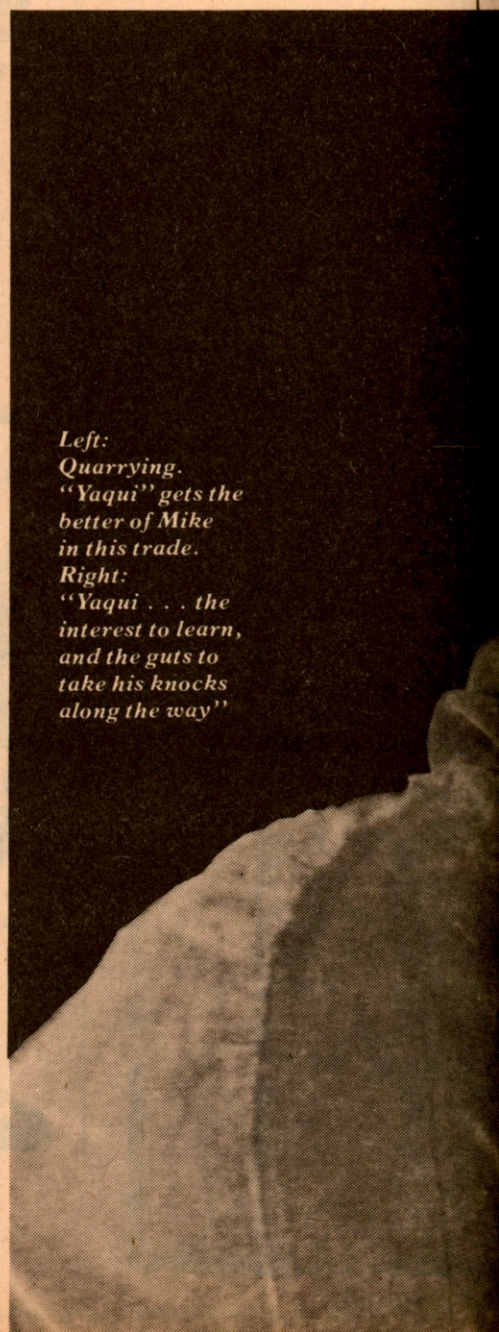
Benny Casing, his manager and trainer, Joe Guzman, Hank Pericle, and Jack Cruz, his father-in-law and advisor, have all lived that dream, and their involvement with Yaqui Lopez is an extension of their individual careers and—more importantly—their long friendship.

Guzman, Pericle, and Cruz were boyhood friends who learned to box under the guidance of Guzman's older brother Frank. Of the three, Joe Guzman went the farthest as a pro, at one time fighting world-ranked lightweights.

One of the fighters he took was Benny Casing, a Filipino, whose father brought him to the gym to learn to defend himself.

Cruz sent the youngster into a corner to hit the heavy bag, then inadvertently forgot about him. An hour later, he suddenly remembered, and found Benny still punching furiously with both hands swollen.

Yaqui Lopez came to the gym under different circumstances. Born in Mexico, Lopez was sent to Stockton at age 14 after his at-



Left: Quarrying. "Yaqui" gets the better of Mike in this trade. Right: "Yaqui . . . the interest to learn, and the guts to take his knocks along the way"

tempt at bullfighting ended in a clear-cut decision for the bull. The result was a shattered femur—and the fare to California to find a safer occupation. Lopez joined his father at the Eddie Mariligini Farm, harvesting crops of walnuts, apricots, peaches and cherries.

When he was 18, a friend asked him to give him a lift to the Cruz household to visit Cruz's daughter Judy. While there, Lopez met one of Cruz's other daughters, Beatrice, and promptly fell in love with her.

He expressed an interest in boxing to Cruz, and went with Cruz to the gym.

"Truthfully," said Cruz, reflecting on those early days, "Yaqui was the world's worst amateur. He had no natural moves, but he had the interest to learn, and the guts to take his knocks along the way.

"We took him around fighting, and up in Eureka, about four hundred miles from Stockton, we entered him in the Indian Golden Gloves. The fights were held on this reservation, and a lot of the Indians up there were drunk and getting pretty wild. Well, when Yaqui climbs in the ring, this guy leans over and says 'Hey, is this guy an Indian?' I said you're goddamn right he's an Indian. Then the guy says 'Oh yeah, what tribe?' Well, the only tribe I could think of was the Yaqui, so that's what I told him. So he passes it around and all the Indians start cheering like hell for him and chanting 'Yaqui, Yaqui'."

It is that shrewdness that has gotten Yaqui Lopez four shots at the title, even though Cruz, a cabinet maker by trade, shrugs off his efforts.

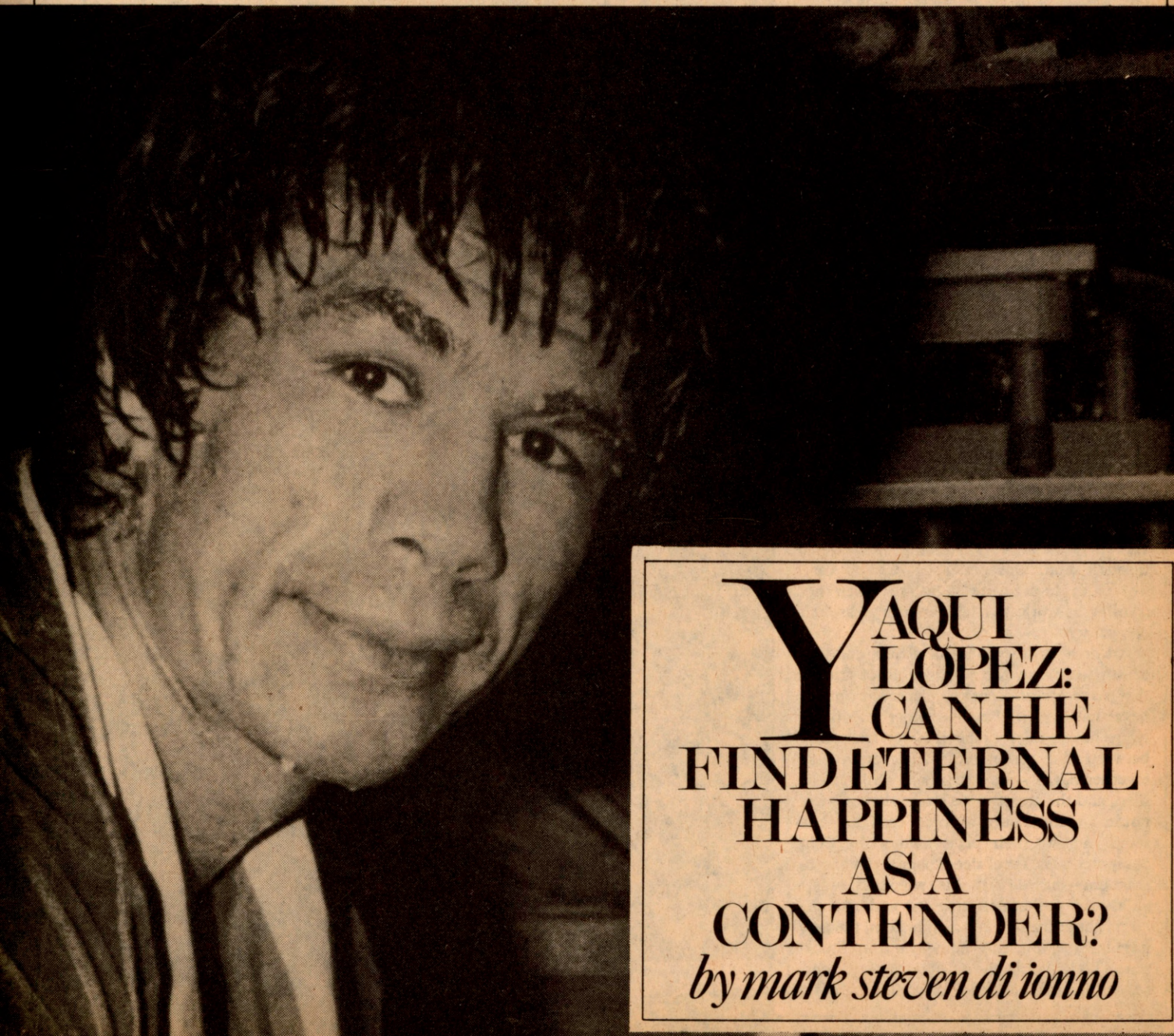
"We've been very fortunate. You might say we've been in the right place at the right time; and the opportunities keep coming."

Despite dropping three title decisions, one to John Conteh in October of 1976, and another two to Victor Galindez in 1977 and 1978, and losing by knockout to Matthew Saad Muhammad a year ago, Lopez continues to resurface.

The reason is because each of his efforts are simply gallant. A boxer-puncher, he fights with a manic determination, punching to the end, almost trance-like, unaware of the punishment received.

In all three losses by decision, many observers felt that Lopez had won the fights. His second loss to Galindez was described by one boxing writer as the worst robbery he had ever seen.

"We should have postponed the fight anyway," said Cruz. "Three weeks before the fight, Yaqui fell into a ditch at work, and pulled all the tendons around his ankle. He couldn't walk, much less fight. But we were afraid that if we asked for a postponement, that they'd give the shot to somebody else. Remember, Yaqui had given Galindez hell the first time around. Anyway, we went to see a sports medicine specialist and he gave Yaqui this cast he could wear in the ring.



YAQUI LOPEZ: CAN HE FIND ETERNAL HAPPINESS AS A CONTENDER?

by mark steven di ionno

"Well, goddam it, Yaqui fought the best fight of his life that night. After the fight, the TV people came over and told us to stand by—they wanted to interview the new light heavyweight champ—but I looked over and saw some of the judges re-adding their cards. I started to get a bad feeling. Then they announced the decision, and the Italians started jeering like hell. I tried to protest, but everybody stopped understanding English. I figured the hell with it . . . I knew we'd be back."

They came back against Matthew Saad Muhammad in what was *Ring Magazine's* "Fight of the Year" for 1980. Lopez went for the elusive title with everything he had. He took control of the fight in the second round, and clung to it until the tenth. In the eighth round he backed Muhammad into the ropes and ripped a dozen unanswered punches to the champion's already bloody face. The referee watched closely, seemingly ready to stop the fight. But Muhammad's inhuman resilience and uncanny sense of survival pulled him through. He dropped the leg-weary Lopez four times in the fourteenth round before the fight was rightfully halted.

As he was leaving the ring after the fourth greatest disappointment in his life, Yaqui Lopez displayed his priorities. He scooped his son, Yaqui, Jr., our of his wife's arms, kissed him on the cheek, and carried him out of the arena. Ten minutes later, still holding the boy, Yaqui Lopez received a standing ovation from the press corps in a crowded interview room. Those same reporters had to wait nearly an hour and a half to get to talk to Saad Muhammad.

Despite his failure to win the crown, Lopez refuses to allow himself to become embittered. He keeps his career in perspective, and believes harder work will bring more success. He has moved up into the Cruiserweight ranks, hoping that the added weight will improve his stamina and provide more punching power. Since the Spinks fight, he has stopped three opponents, including a heavyweight. He works on his legs, running like a horse through mountains outside of Carson City. To Yaqui Lopez, life is work. When not training he works as a laborer with an asphalt company.

His dream is to win a world title, and that dream has taken the small circle of friends that make up his corner to places they might never have been otherwise. More importantly, it has cemented the lifelong friendship between the cornermen. They often stay together in the same hotel room while on the road, and the atmosphere is like that of a frat house. Cigarette butts and beer cans litter the room, finding their place among the fight equipment. As Yaqui sleeps soundly in another room—shared with his wife and oldest child—the cornermen stay up and talk for hours about the old days in Stockton, the new days in Stockton, and the people from Stockton. Though all in their fifties, they still possess an irresistable childlike urge for pranks. Joe Guzman, a retired fireman with long silver hair combed straight back, places a handful of ice on Benny Casing's chest while he sleeps. Casing empties a full ashtray on the carpet because he knows Hank Pericle can't stand the mess and will eventually clean it up. And then there is the endless stream of one-liners from Jack Cruz, a man who knows more jokes than Morey Amsterdam. They are good, honest people. They are an integral part of their fighter's professional and personal life.

It is hard to say who rubs off on whom. Hank Pericle, a youthful, handsome man, spends the most time with Lopez. He supervises his training in Carson City, and is the fighter's biggest supporter.

"The thing with Yaqui is that he's such a nice guy," said Pericle. "But goddamn if he doesn't have the worst luck! You'd like to see a guy like him win the title. A good family man, a hard-worker, just a good guy to be around. So many of these other guys who've had as much success as Yaqui forget everybody but themselves. But hell! Yaqui's out there visiting grammar schools in the area telling the kids if they try their best, and keep trying, they can do whatever they want, you know, go as far as they want.

"They had a Yaqui Lopez Day at a baseball stadium in Mexico, and he must've shook everybody's hand in the stadium. After the Spinks fight, we talked him into going to this post-fight party because he was feeling so bad. You should have seen the people all over him, shaking his hand, telling him how great he was, handing him their business cards. Everywhere he goes it's like that. He makes friends everywhere. People are willing to extend themselves to a guy like Yaqui. I know it sounds crazy, but I really feel honored to be connected with him."

Lopez put Pericle's loyalty to the ultimate test before the Spinks fight. He undressed to get ready for the fight and discovered he had forgotten the jockey shorts he wears under the protective apparatus.

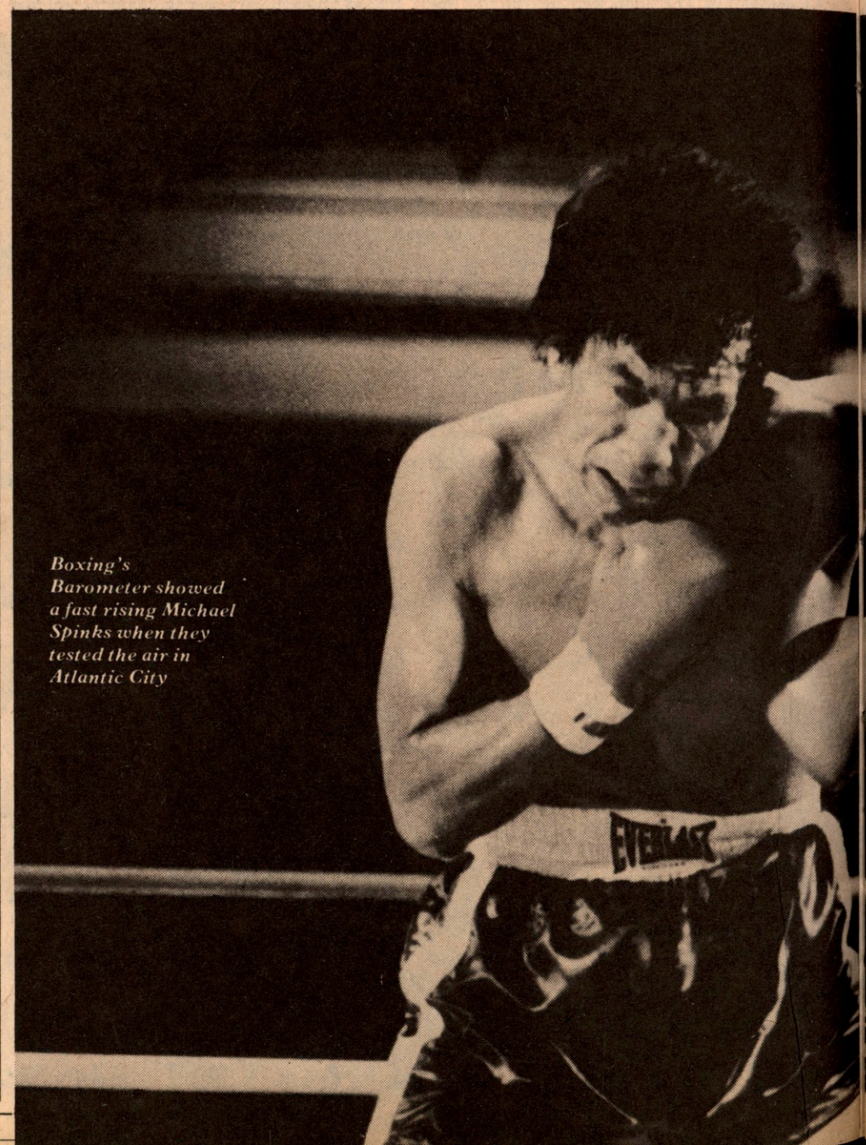
"Hey, Hank," Yaqui said, a warm smile spreading across his face. "Everyone else wears boxer shorts except you, so let me have your underwear."

Pericle stripped down and handed them over. Sacrifice everything for the cause.

Yaqui Lopez plods on. The feeling in the press is that he has had it, that his legs are gone, that he has fallen from the ranks of legitimate contenders, but that, of course, depends on your definition of "legitimate." Lopez has fought the toughest opponents in his division, and a review of his record looks like a role call of the decade's Light Heavyweight Hall of Fame. He has lost some big ones, and has won some big ones. Each time they said he was finished he would go back to work and try harder. He would put together a string of impressive wins, impressive enough so that the matchmakers and promoters could not ignore him in good conscience. Since losing to Spinks, Lopez has stopped four opponents, and has signed for a tentative date to meet S.T. Gordon for the North American Boxing Federation Cruiserweight title.

He has fought everyone they told him to fight. Everyone who wanted to fight him. And some who didn't. He fought the late Victor Galindez all of 30 tough rounds, back when Galindez was still Galindez. He traded punches and blood stains one-for-one with Matthew Saad Muhammad for a total of twenty-five rounds over two fights. He fought Jessie Burnett four times, splitting the series. He took a beating from James Scott in a prison ring small enough to stage a cock-fight, in an environment the champs won't touch. He gave young Mike Rossman a lesson one night in the Garden, leaving him bloody and reeling and sorry for all the derogatory things he had said about Mexicans.

He has always given them a fight with his blood and his guts. He has fought with his head and his heart, absorbing punishment to both. The times he was knocked down, he came back up, as if to say, "Yes, you can knock me down, you can hit me some more, you can stack the deck against me, you can bring your own judges, you can tell them over the television to root for the other guy, you can even tell them that I am finished. But none of that matters, because I am Yaqui Lopez. And I promise you, I will be back."



Boxing's Barometer showed a fast rising Michael Spinks when they tested the air in Atlantic City

PIPINO CUEVAS CHALLENGES DURAN TO FIGHT FOR THE LATIN WELTERWEIGHT TITLE.....

western union **Telegram**

I have never ducked a challenge from Duran.
Will sign (at) any time to fight him. Will even fly to New York to sign right in the offices of RING Magazine. Don't care when or where we fight.
The money is not even that important.
Let's just fight.

Signed,
Pipino Cuevas

by rafael mendoza advisor to cuevas

FOR WEEKS NOW I HAVE BEEN HEARING stories coming from the camp of Roberto Duran. The stories charge that Pipino Cuevas is afraid to fight Duran. I have also heard stories that Cuevas is asking too much money to fight Duran, that Cuevas wants to pick his own officials, that Cuevas will only fight in Mexico City and that Cuevas will fight only if the winner is guaranteed a shot at the title. I have also heard that Cuevas is just plain afraid of Duran.

None of that is even close to the truth.

Pipino Cuevas is a fighter before anything else. He has never asked, "Who am I fighting," not even in the beginning of his career. When he was told a match had been made for

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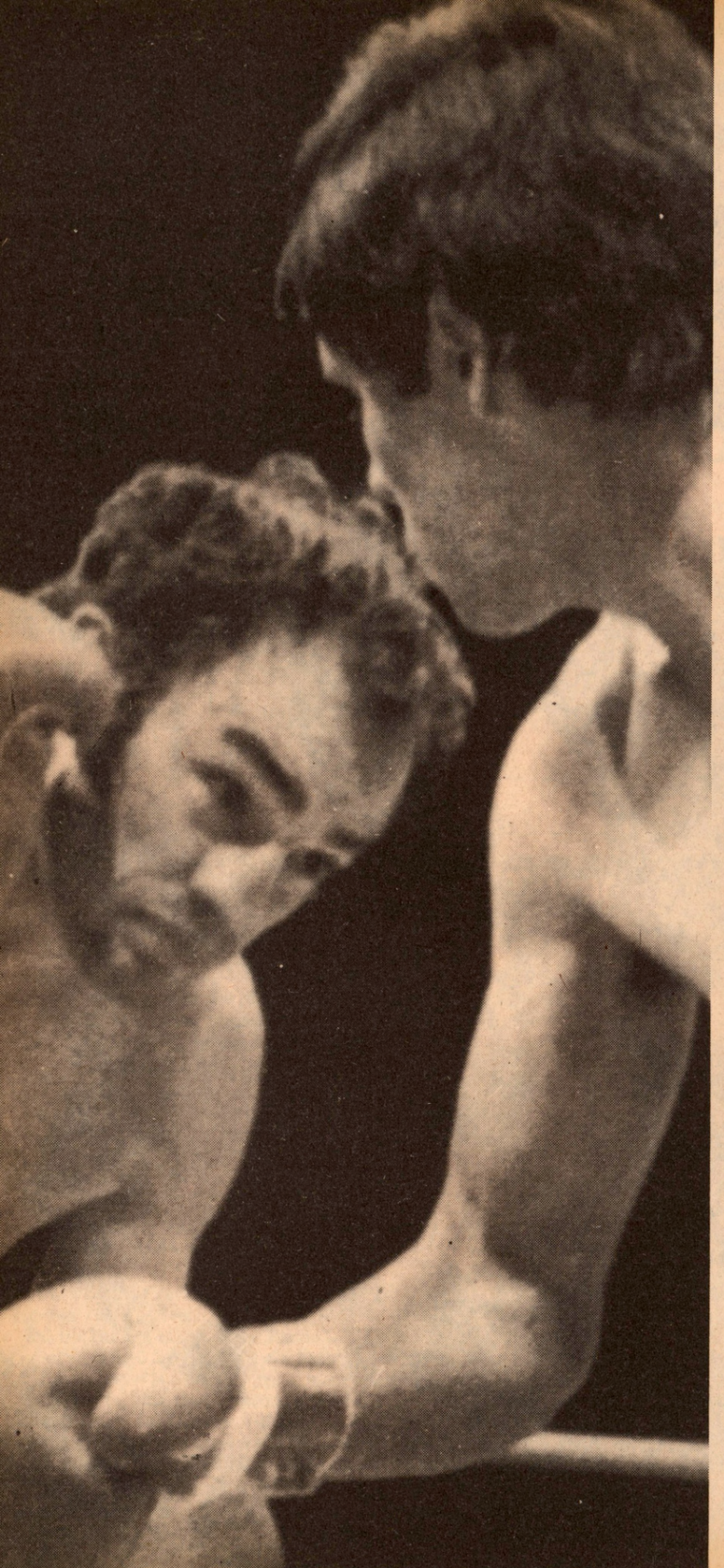
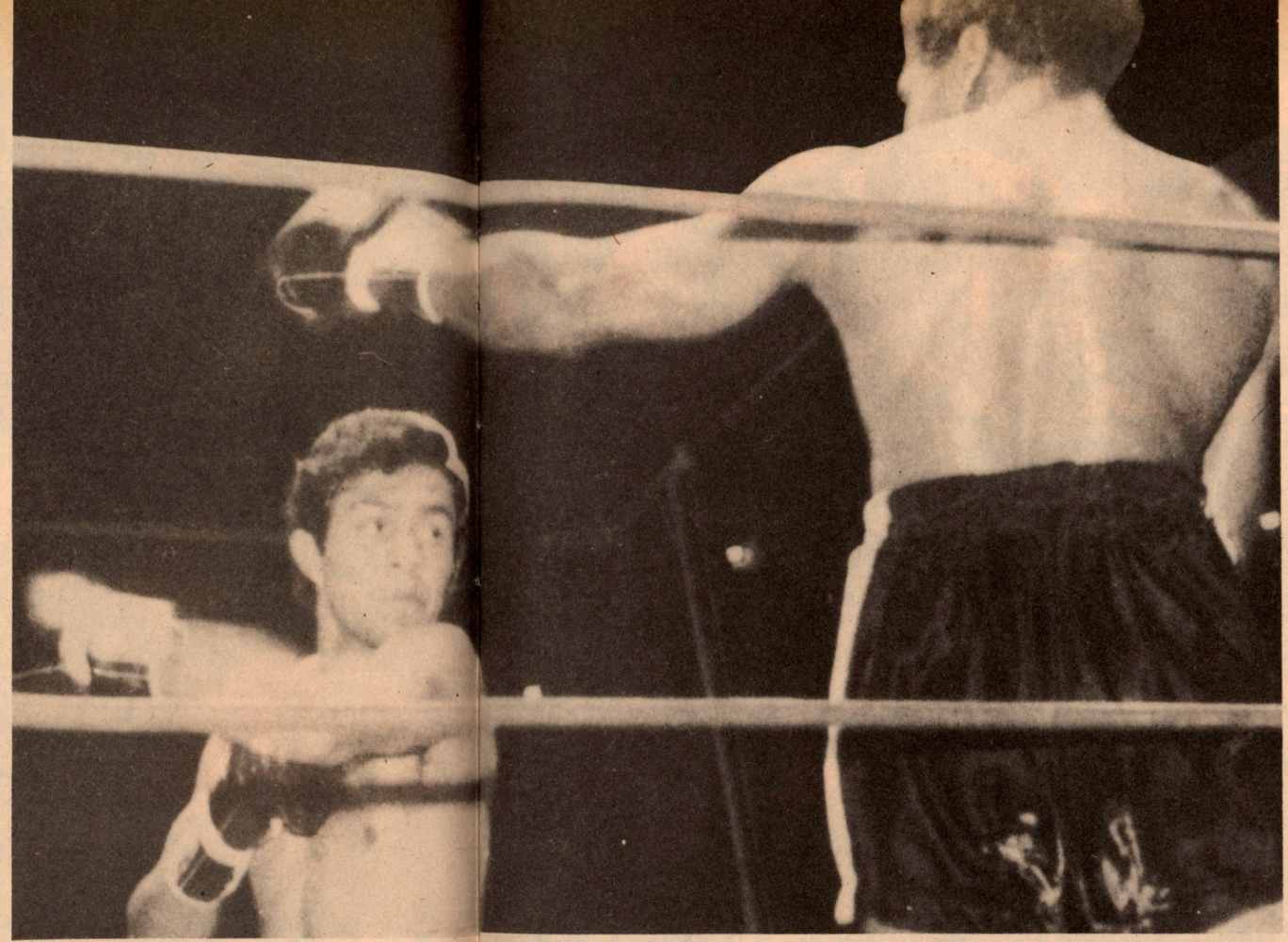
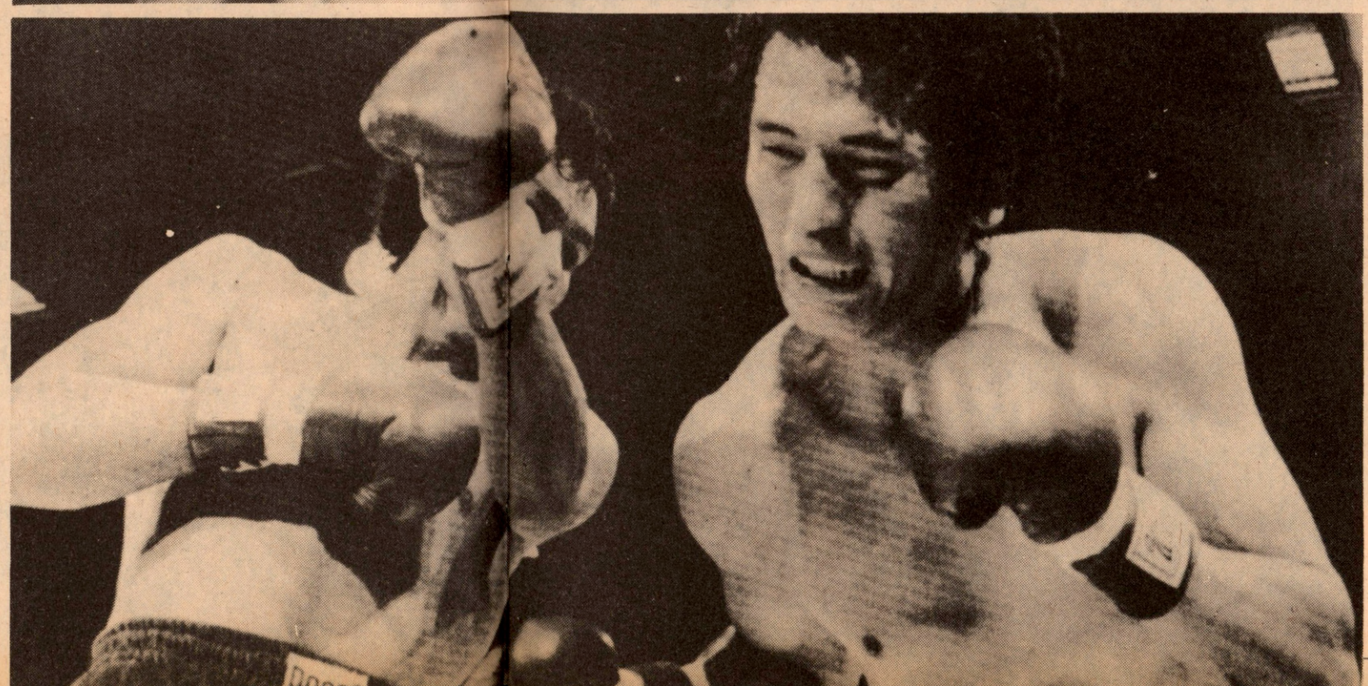
Right: Peek-a-Boo. Cuevas plays his little game with Angel Espada who couldn't play inside anymore by the tenth.







him, instead of asking "Who am I fighting?" as so many other fighters do, he just said, "Good, when do I fight?" All he cares about is getting into action.

He is not afraid of any man. Not Roberto Duran! Not anybody. He does not even fear Thomas Hearns, as so many people believe. If anything, he respects Hearns. Hearns came to fight. So did Cuevas. What Hearns did to Cuevas is something that Pipino has been doing to one opponent after another. Cuevas understands the meaning of this game, of the intense competition that is involved. You can't be nice when the bell rings. Cuevas has been a perfect example of that. He tries to destroy an opponent. Against Hearns, he ran into a man with the same mental attitude. The fight could not have possibly gone the distance that night. When the bell rings, the best man on that particular night wins.

On August 2, 1980, Hearns beat Cuevas because he was the best man. If they meet again, Cuevas might reverse the situation. It might be Hearns getting flattened. In Cuevas' mind, he fails to believe Hearns could beat him again. That's the sign of a great competitor. Cuevas was disappointed after the fight, but that kind of feeling is only natural. An athlete, especially one of Cuevas' calibre, is bound to suffer a letdown after training so hard, only to be sent home so early. A great athlete puts defeat behind him and continues on. Pipino has long since put that defeat behind him.

A great athlete also fails to listen to talk. Talk is cheap. A great athlete, a great businessman, a great anybody, lets action determine the truth. Words can lie and exaggerate. There is no substitute for action. That's why Pipino disregards all the talk he's been hearing coming from the Duran camp. He knows that no true fight fan could truly believe that he is scared to fight Duran. He welcomes the opportunity to fight him. He knows there are lots of Latin American fans who still believe Duran is the best Latin American fighter in the world. Cuevas would love to put to rest any doubt right now. The fight could be set for 12 rounds and be for the "Latin American Welterweight Championship."

Pipino wanted to fight Duran right after the first Leonard fight. He wanted to be recognized as the undisputed welterweight champion. Perhaps the fight could have been made had Pipino beaten Hearns. But, that's boxing! At least Cuevas went out like a champion. He is proud of what he accomplished as

Top left:
A coronation in Mexicali—"Pipino" became new welterweight champ by a second round TKO over Angel Espada.
Bottom left:
Sinking Shoji. The Japanese challenger falls from a Cuevas left in the sixth as Pipino wins his first title defense by K.O.
Opposite left:
Take-out! Pipino preps his heavy left for "free delivery" to Argentinian Miguel Angel who fell by the second round.

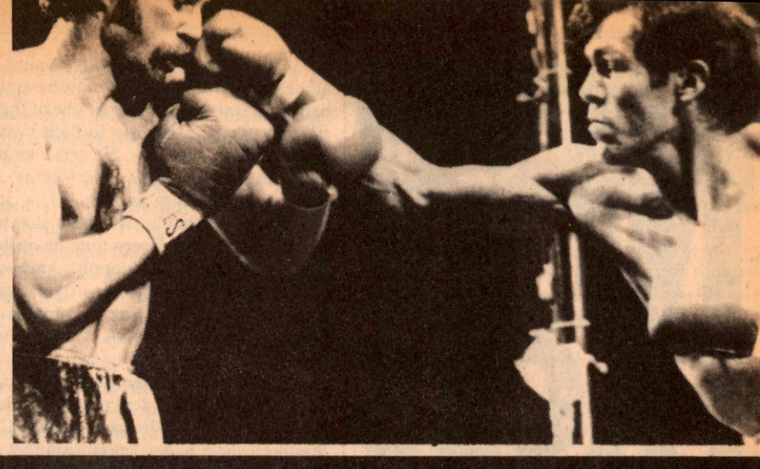
a champion, of how he acted as a champion and how he went out as champion. His countrymen are proud of him, too. They do not scorn him as they scorned Duran. Hearns hit Cuevas with one of the hardest rights a man can be hit with. Not once, but twice. Cuevas went down, but had struggled back to his feet when his manager, Lupe Sanchez, threw in the towel. Cuevas was ready to keep fighting with every last ounce of strength inside him.

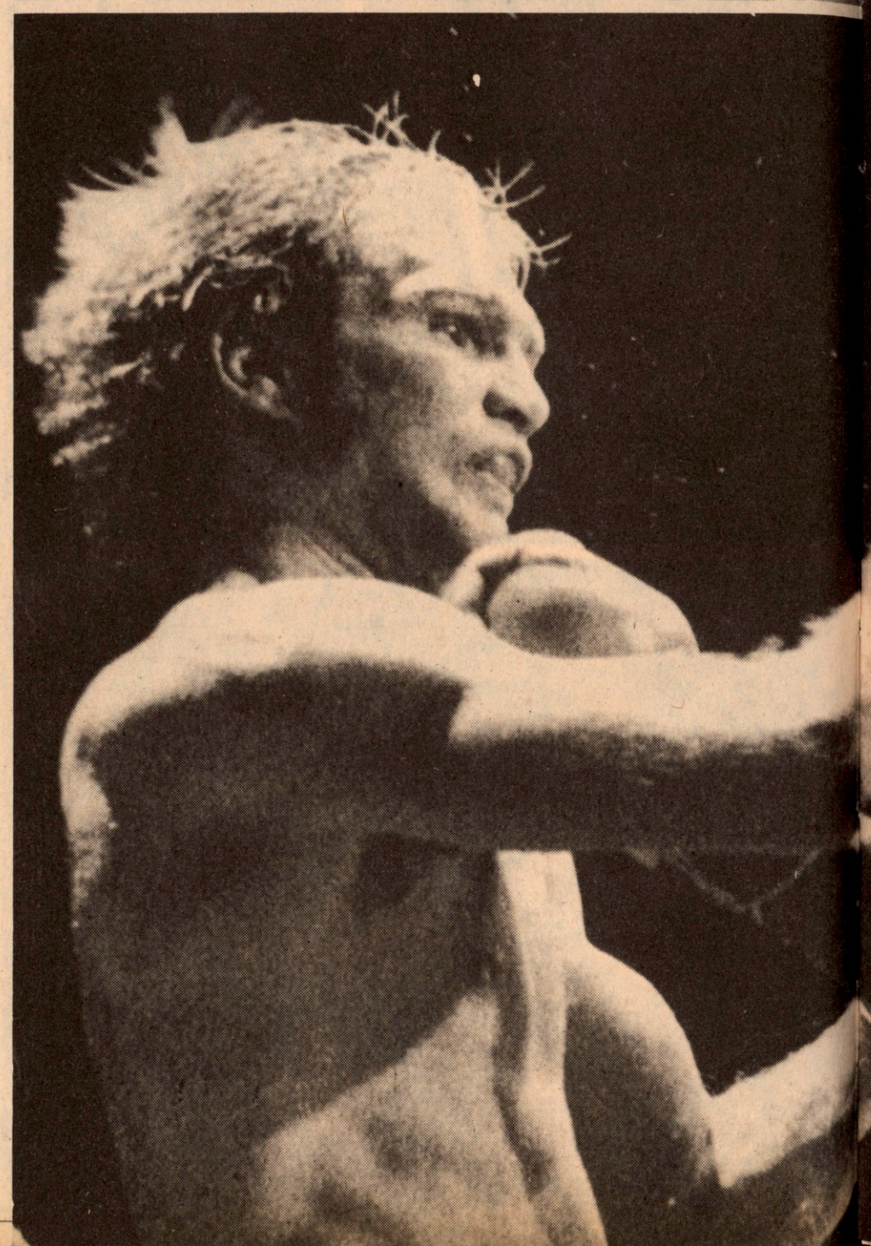
Duran did not do anything like what Cuevas did. All he did was throw his hands in the air and quit. Cuevas does not have any respect for any man who would quit. Cuevas is too proud to ever quit like that, or to quit in any manner, no matter how sick he felt. He knows what he would have done. He knows what Duran did. It bothers him.

Cuevas would fight Duran the same way he fights everybody else. He'd make Duran back up. And if Duran didn't back up, Cuevas would run him over. Duran could never beat Cuevas. Not on his best night he couldn't. The people around Duran are dreaming if they think that. They are dreaming of a big payday, nothing more. It would also be Duran's final payday. Cuevas would knock him out. Watching Duran quit against Leonard last November was sad. Watching the beating he'll take against Cuevas will be sadder. It wouldn't be much of a fight. Duran is not a deadly puncher as a welterweight. He cannot knock out a top welterweight such as Cuevas. He couldn't knock out Leonard in two fights. He couldn't knock out Leonard if they fought another 1,000 times. He couldn't knock out Hearns, either.

Cuevas and Lupe Sanchez do not think Duran and his people are serious about wanting to fight. If they are, Cuevas is ready to sign. Duran can, and probably will, ask for the world. He'll want Don King to promote the fight. He'll want it in a sight of his choice. He'll probably ask for a ridiculous amount of money. He'll ask the world.

All that really matters is putting two fighters into the ring. One of those fighters is Pipino Cuevas. The other is Roberto Duran. Pipino Cuevas is ready to fight Roberto Duran. Is Duran ready to fight Pipino? Words will not be enough. Therefore, we challenge Duran and his manager to send their acceptance to the offices of RING Magazine within one month of the day this magazine appears on the stands. That way—and that way only—will we know that Duran is serious. If they do not take Pipino up on his open offer to fight then we will know that Roberto has said "No Mas" to everything!





Top row, from left to right: Slip the Pip. Angel Espada ducks under a Cuevas right. Center: Bonecrusher. This Cuevas-Weston battle ended with Harold's jaw broken. Far right: Sideshow. Cuevas lands a not unfrequent right to the side of challenger Pete Ranzany. Bottom: How does it feel Randy Shields shows the effects of contacting Pipino in his prime.

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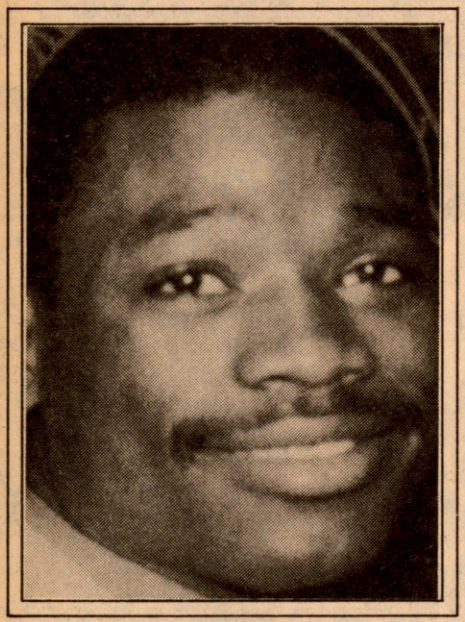


MARLON STARLING

One week before Marlon Starling's first appearance in New York, a RING editor called the sports department of a Hartford newspaper, looking for background on the local welterweight sensation.

"How good is Starling?" asked the RING editor.

"He's so good," replied the Hartford sportswriter, "that if his fight goes all the way, he won't be hit with more than one solid shot per round."

The writer was wrong. Starling got hit with not one solid shot as he masterfully dispatched of tough Miguel Hernandez in the eighth round. The victory was Starling's 16th victory without defeat and gave him a national, top-10 ranking among United States welterweights. Since then he has added two more victories to his credentials.

"I don't see anybody out there whom I don't think I can beat. That includes Thomas Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard. I hear so much about how fast Leonard (who, along with Tony Ayala, Jr., are his boxing idols), and Hearns are. I believe I'm faster and much better defensively than either one of them. I'll tell you two guys I'd love to fight right now. One is Milton McCrory. He gets a lot of publicity, basically because he's Hearns' stablemate and sparring partner. He's stopped everybody he's fought. He won't stop me. He won't even hit me. Every time he misses me, BANG!, my jab will be popping his head off.

"The other guy I'd love to fight right now is Larry Bonds. I'm sure I'd stop him in a shorter time than it took Leonard to stop him."

Starling, who was born and raised in Hartford, has been a confident person all his life.

"Whenever I undertake a project," said Starling, whose wide, constant smile is as genuine as his punches are fast. "I give it everything I have and do it with the feeling nobody can do it better. With boxing I especially believe that."

Starling turned to boxing for several reasons, two in particular.

"A friend of mine was a good athlete. Everything he did in athletics earned him a trophy. I was happy for him. But he constantly kept reminding me of how many trophies he had and how few I had. I figured in boxing I'd be able to get lots of trophies."

Another reason Starling turned to boxing was because of an incident on the football field when he was a teenager.

"I was a cornerback and got blown away on one play," recalled Starling. "The opposing team scored and won. I got blamed for the loss. It wasn't right to blame only me. That's part of the trouble with team sports. It's also part of the thing I like about boxing. When I win, I take all the credit. When I lose, I take all the blame. At least when I get blamed for a loss in boxing, I can accept it."

As an amateur, Starling "took the blame" just 13 times in 110 fights. Among his victories were championships in the 1974 Junior Olympics at 139 pounds and 1975, 1977 and 1979 New England Golden Gloves titles at 147 pounds. He was also a semi-finalist in the 1977 National AAU's.

Behind the efforts of close friend F. Mac Buckley, a Connecticut attorney, a group of 30 businessmen put up $2,000 apiece to back Starling on his venture into the pro ranks. The $60,000, to be paid to Starling over a three-year period in expenses and benefits, exceeded the original front money paid to both Sugar Ray Leonard and Joe Frazier when they became professional.

While Starling (known as "Moochie" and "The Magic Man") hasn't earned the sacks of money Frazier enjoyed and Leonard is currently revelling in, Starling knows his time for glory is coming.

"Leonard and Hearns are moving up in weight," said Starling, sounding almost sorry. "Benitez' days as a welterweight are through. Pete Ranzany is looking for fights as a junior middleweight. Randy Shields and Adolfo Viruet have their best days behind them."

The future of the welterweight division belongs to Marlon Starling.

MARLON STARLING

Height: 5'8¼"
Weight: 147 pounds
Born: August 29, 1958
Amateur Record: 97-13

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
July 27	Tim LaValley	Hartford, Conn.	KO 3
Sept. 7	Hubert Jackson	Hartford, Conn.	W 4
Sept. 22	Charlie Newell	Bristol, Conn.	W 4
Oct. 17	Hector Ortiz	Hartford, Conn.	W 6
Nov. 5	Johnny Saxton	Hartford, Conn.	KO 4

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 9	Charlie Newell	Hartford, Conn.	KO 7
Feb. 28	Frank Minnigan	Hartford, Conn.	KO 4
April	Feliciano Cintron	Hartford, Conn.	KO 5
May 23	Eddie Campbell	Hartford, Conn.	W 8
June 20	Benjie Goldstone	Hartford, Conn.	KO 5
Nov. 3	Dave Bolden	Hartford, Conn.	KO 3
Nov. 25	Curtis Taylor	Hartford, Conn.	W 10

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 16	Ruby Ortiz	Hartford, Conn.	W 10
Feb. 9	Bruce Strauss	Hartford, Conn.	KO 2
Mar. 9	Floyd Mayweather	Hartford, Conn.	W 10
Apr. 24	Miguel Hernandez	New York, N.Y.	KO 8
May 29	Johnny Cooper	Hartford, Conn.	KO 1
June 25	Juan Hidalgo	New York, N.Y.	KO 5

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
18	18	0	0	11

DIEGO ROSARIO

TO THE NEARLY 12 MILLION VIEWERS OF ESPN's "Thursday Night Boxing," the name Diego Rosario is one that has become synonymous with action, showmanship and winning.

The third oldest of 10 children, Rosario is a 20-year-old bantamweight with a future. A bright one.

Managed by Al Moore, Rosario has been kept active in 1981, fighting once every month except May.

Rosario took up boxing at the age of 15 at the suggestion of his father, Diego, Sr. According to the fighter, an older brother decided to take karate lessons. Diego wanted to follow him to the "Dojo."

" 'Do something different,' said my father," recalled Rosario. "He said, 'If you really feel like taking up self-defense, take boxing. If you don't like it after giving it an honest effort, then go to karate school.' "

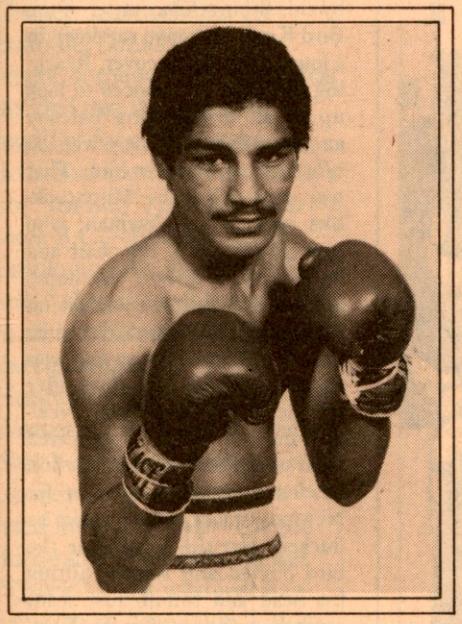
Rosario tried it. Rosario didn't like it. He loved it. During the next 48 months, Rosario

fought 34 times. He won 30 of those contests. Included were four New Jersey Golden Gloves titles and a quarter-final finish at the 1980 National Golden Gloves.

After being robbed of a decision while competing in the nationals in Las Vegas, a disgusted Rosario joined the long list of "fans" of the AAU and turned professional.

"I prefer the pros to the amateurs, anyway," claims Rosario. "A fighter can do so much more as a pro. One reason is he has so much more time to do it. As a pro you can pace yourself, you can fight all out, you can mix your attack, you can do anything you want. As an amateur, a fighter has to come out and throw leather for three rounds."

An admirer of featherweight great Willie Pep, Rosario often makes it known how he



feels about Pep. Only, he does it while he is fighting. He clowns, showboats, hot dogs and play acts. On occasion he employs the "Ali Shuffle," usually saving it for the moment he hurts an opponent.

"It psyches my opponent out," says Rosario. "I don't play around just to play around. I have never been a cocky kid. Sometimes I'll smile at my opponent after he misses a punch. Then I'll smile at him after he puts a good move on me. I'll smile at him when he lands a good punch. And if I should get stunned by a punch, I'll smile the same way. That way, my opponent is never sure if he's hurt me. So many guys smile after they've been hurt. That's a sure sign he's hurt. But by smiling and playing around all the time, my opponent never knows for sure just what I'm up to.

While Rosario has been fighting and beating junior featherweights and featherweights, his real division is among the bantamweights.

"It's tough to get him fights with bantamweights on the east coast," said Moore. "Over here they grow fighters big. The bantamweights are grown out in California and down in Texas."

Rosario is trained by former middleweight contender Johnny Torres, who also co-manages him.

"Diego is a naturally gifted boxer," explained Torres. "He picks up on mistakes like no young fighter I've ever seen. He's not an explosive hitter like Wilfredo Gomez, but, who is? Diego is a sharpshooter. He makes his opponent miss then hits with not one, but two or three counter-punches. His timing is beautiful."

In the last year, interest in the lighter weight divisions has risen to an all-time high. The major networks have begun to show featherweight, junior featherweight, bantamweight and even junior flyweight title fights. Fans clamor to see smaller fighters in action, not big, ponderous sluggers standing around waiting for one punch to end a bout.

Dan Duva, President of Main Events, Inc., the man behind the upcoming "Showdown" between Thomas Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard, also is the promoter of monthly fight cards at Totowa, New Jersey's, Ice World.

"Fans call up and ask, 'When is Diego Rosario fighting?' or 'Is Diego Rosario fighting on your next card?' said Duva. "They love him."

Watching Diego Rosario in action makes it easy to understand why fans love him.

"I love watching tapes of me fighting," said Rosario almost shyly. "I'd definitely pay to see me fight.

"When my chance comes, I'm going to be ready, I'm going to be prepared and I'm going to become bantamweight champion of the world."

DIEGO ROSARIO

Height: 5'5"
Weight: 122 pounds
Born: January 17, 1960
Amateur Record: 30-4

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
July 17	Don Nisivoccia	Totowa, N.J.	KO 4
Aug. 21	David Brown	Totowa, N.J.	D 4
Oct. 16	Quydil Hart	Totowa, N.J.	KO 2
Nov. 20	Edwin Santiago	Totowa, N.J.	KO 4
Dec. 18	Vegron Hill	Totowa, N.J.	KO 3

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 22	Jorge Vasquez	Totowa, N.J.	W 6
Feb. 19	Jorge Vasquez	Totowa, N.J.	W 8
Mar. 18	Leo Lopez	Totowa, N.J.	KO 4
Apr. 6	Fernando Martinez	Atlantic City, N.J.	KO 9
June 18	Jose "Cheo" Ortiz	Totowa, N.J.	KO 5
July 16	Edwin Santiago	Totowa, N.J.	KO

Summary

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FIGHT OF THE MONTH

LEONARD-KALULE
World Junior Middleweight Title

HOUSTON, TEX.—Before his fight last June with Sugar Ray Leonard, Ayub Kalule, depending upon whom you talked to, was considered to be (A) An after-dinner drink; (B) The WBA Junior Middleweight Champion; (C) An expatriate Ugandan; (D) A Danish resident; (E) "An advanced amateur"; (F) The possessor of a 36-0 record; (G) An unorthodox southpaw; (H) All of the above; or (I) None of the above.

The problem was, simply stated, nobody knew much about Ayub. To remedy this, Top Rank publicist Irving Rudd, always a sucker for a rite, staged an exhibition in voodooism, asking someone named Ben Mugimba—a passing gas station attendant from Kumpala—to "do that voodoo that you do so well." However, Mugimba turned out to be a drug on the market. For, immediately after having gone into his so-called medicine bag and pulling out all stops—including roots, herbs and a candle in the form of a skull—Mugimba began to carry on like one of the resident walk-ons in *King Solomon's Mines.* His incantations for Kalule and against Leonard had a strangely familiar "hokus pokus, dominocus" sound to them, which, when combined with his skull and his clown-like costume, drove the gathered press corps into hysterics.

One of those not driven into hysterics, but, instead, driven out of the door in disgust, was Rock Newman of WOL in Washington, D.C. Newman felt that the mumbo jumbo was demeaning, not only to Kalule himself, but to those who had witnessed it. And he didn't care who knew it, expressing total dismay within earshot of the graduate of Voodoo U.

As he left the press room, newsman Newman crossed the poolside area where a large black bird buzzed his head. Shaken up by this Strange Encounter of the Bird Kind, Newman sat down in a lounge chair to recover. Reaching the chair he chanced to look up at an overhanging balcony and, sure enough!, there was the bird looking down at him. That was enough of the Hitchcock-like episode for Newman, who rose slowly out of his chair and hurried back toward the hotel, all the while keeping one eye on the bird. But the bird, not to be put off by something so minor as an exit, poolside left, dove after the departing newsman. Newman ducked. The bird recovered from overshooting its target and headed back again, straight for Newman's face. Once again he ducked. But the third time the bird circled and struck, hitting his head and thumb just scant seconds before a frantic Newman hit the door of the lobby. The next day Newman had to seek sanctuary in the kiddie pool from still another big bird attack.

But instead of directing his withering gaze—called by the Italians the "malocchio", or evil eye—at Newman, Mugimba would have been better advised to have directed it at Leonard. Whatever the voodoo doctor's motive, it was a classic case of misdirection.

And to ensure that not only would the evil eye totally miss him, but that, if need be, he would ward it off, Leonard wore black trunks into the Astrodome ring emblazoned with a cobra's head, the one "sure" sign which like the Cross negates Dracula's powers—would turn away the snake charmer's powers.

But it wasn't the black trunks

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

It had been said that the only way to take the title from Jim Watt was to knock him out. Alexis Arguello proved otherwise. The great Nicaraguan, who now resides in Coral Gables, Florida, easily decisioned Watt in London to win the world lightweight crown, giving Arguello his third world championship. He had previously held the featherweight and junior lightweight titles.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

We once thought that the WBC and the WBA were groups that kept minutes and wasted hours. No more. They have outdone themselves—especially the WBA—and can now be viewed as meetings of men who singly can do nothing, but collectively agree that nothing can be done.

Take the Weaver-Tillis-Cooney cause celebre, for example. Somehow, somewhere, someway, the WBA has decided that the operative modifier for a challenger to a divisional crown is "available", not "leading", as it has been since B.C.—Before Corbett. Employing the word "available," they were able to decide, in their addlepated minds, that the challenger for WBA Heavyweight Champion Mike Weaver's crown was not their Number One challenger, Gerry Cooney—who had been so rated for a year-plus—but the third-rated challenger, James "Quick" Tillis who just happened to be "available." Now, Mr. Webster defines "available" as "accessible for use; at hand; usable." And Tillis *is* "usable" by the WBA—for their own selfish purposes. They gave the gathered reporters at their meeting some mumbo-jumbo about their rules, a set of which were well-nigh impossible to locate, and cited some obscure rule about the challenger being "available." "Available" when? "Available" to whom? "Available" to do what? About the only thing the WBA accomplished was to make a laughing stock out of themselves and to ensure to those who believe in ability ultimately manifesting itself that they would have to look elsewhere than to the WBA to find that happening. Hell, if the word "available" were taken to its sublime extension, then the WBA might be able to find in its so-called rulebook the right to have the Number 10-rated flyweight fight for the heavyweight title because he is the only man "available."

Which brings us to the problem at hand: Where are these rules that the WBA and WBC continually wave in the air to support all their actions? Are they merely figments of the same imagination that gave us the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus or do they really exist?

For, if they really exist, why can't Mike Trainer get a copy of them from Jose Sulaiman to see what guidelines his fighter, Sugar Ray Leonard, must follow? And why can't Ed Franklin, the attorney for Mike Weaver, get a copy of the WBA rules to see where the word "available" is used and how it applies?

Therefore, because very few people—outside of the WBA and WBC executive boards themselves (and one of the members of the WBA Executive Board confessed he had never seen the supposed most recent copy of the rules)—have ever seen these precious rules, we have sent telegrams to the ruling powers-that-be in both organizations requesting the most recent sets of rules so that they can be reprinted in an upcoming issue of *The Ring*. Each and every month we will dedicate one page to reprinting the rules of these two organizations. And, even if they have not been sent to us, we will dedicate one blank page each month and inform our readers that no such rules have been forthcoming. Maybe, just maybe, like the king's clothes, they simply don't exist!

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

From the September, 1956 issue of The Ring.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Vacant
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2. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
4. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
6. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
7. John Holman, Chicago, Ill.
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9. Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.
10. Harold Carter, Linden, N.J.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
2. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
3. Hans Stretz, Germany
4. Chuck Spieser, Lansing, Mich.
5. Gordon Wallace, Canada
6. Willi Hoepner, Germany
7. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
8. Marty Marshall, Detroit, Mich.
9. Charles Colin, France
10. Ron Barton, England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
1. Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
2. Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
3. Charley Humez, France
4. Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
5. Charley Joseph, New Orleans, La.
6. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
7. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
8. Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, Utah
9. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, Ohio
10. Rory Calhoun, White Plains, N.Y.

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1. Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
2. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
3. Isaac Logart, Cuba
4. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
5. Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Vince Martinez, Paterson, N.J.
7. George Barnes, Australia
8. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
9. Clarence (Duke) Harris, Detroit, Mich.
10. Emilio Marconi, Italy

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
1. Duilio Loi, Italy
2. Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
3. Jimmy Carter, New York, N.Y.
4. Larry Boardman, Marboro, Conn.
5. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
6. Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.
7. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
8. Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.
9. L. C. Morgan, Youngstown, Ohio
10. Ludwig Lightburn, British Honduras

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
2. Fred Galiana, Spain
3. Cherif Hamia, France
4. Flash Elorde, Philippines
5. Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur, Texas
6. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
7. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8. Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela
9. Ike Chestnut, New York, N.Y.
10. Jose Hernandez, Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Mario D'Agata, Italy
1. Raton Macias, Mexico
2. Robert Cohen, France
3. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
5. Jose Lopez, Mexico
6. Alphonse Halimi, France
7. Tanny Campo, Philippines
8. Jean Renard, Belgium
9. Ricardo Moreno, Mexico
10. Kevin James, Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Memo Diez, Mexico
2. Dai Dower, Wales
3. Young Martin, Spain
4. Hitoshi Misako, Japan
5. Danny Kid, Philippines
6. Guy Schatt, France
7. Aristide Pozzali, Italy
8. Bindi Jack, Australia
9. Jake Tuli, South Africa
10. Oscar Suarez, Cuba

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
3 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
4 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
5 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
6 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
8 **James (Quick) Tillis,** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
9 **Marty Monroe** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **John Tate** . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Renaldo Snipes, 12. Randall (Tex) Cobb, 13. Stan Ward, 14. Bernardo Mercado, 15. Tim Witherspoon, 16. Jimmy Young, 17. Pinklon Thomas, 18. Scott LeDoux, 19. Lynn Ball, 20. John L. Gardner

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD** . . . . Phila., Pa.
1 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad*** . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 **Michael Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
3 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
5 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **Yaqui Lopez** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
8 **Dwight Braxton** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
10 **Mustapha Wasajja** . . . . . Denmark

11. Murray Sutherland, 12. Lotte Mwale, 13. Jerry Celestine, 14. Bashiru Ali, 15. Tony Mundine, 16. Young Joe Louis, 17. Jesse Burnett, 18. Vonzell Johnson, 19. S.T. Gordon

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
2 **Alan Minter** . . . . . England
3 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Vito Antuofermo** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
5 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
8 **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Robbie Epps** . . . . . Clovis, N. Mex.
10 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England

11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Ray Seales, 13. Ronnie Harris, 14. Mike Colbert, 15. Ernie Singletary, 16. Norberto Sabater, 17. William "Caveman" Lee, 18. Ralph Moncrief, 19. Chong-Pal Park, 20. Marcos Geraldo, 21. Ruben Pardo, 22. Jose Macias

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD* . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Wilfred Benitez**** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
3 **Maurice Hope** . . . . . England
4 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
5 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.
6 **Charlie Weir** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Walter Gomez** . . . . . Argentina
8 **Kenny Bristol** . . . . . Guyana
9 **Nino Gonzalez** . . . . . Bayonne, N.J.
10 **Gary Guiden** . . . . . Muncie, Ind.

11. Rocky Fratto, 12. Tony Braxton, 13. Tyrone Rackley, 14. Clemente Tshinza, 15. Rocky Mosley, 16. Wayne Caplette, 17. Tidashi Mihara, 18. Odell Leonard, 19. Carlos Santos, 20. Clint Jackson

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
4 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
5 **Pete Ranzany** . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
6 **Adolfo Viruet** . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
7 **Luis Primera** . . . . . Venezuela
8 **Bruce Finch** . . . . . Milwaukee, Wisc.
9 **Milton McCrory** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
10 **Babs McCarthy** . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.

11. Roger Stafford, 12. Carlos Santos, 13. Pepe Dominguez, 14. Greg Stephens, 15. Harold Volbrecht, 16. Davey Armstrong, 17. Larry Bonds, 18. Marlon Starling, 19. Josef Nsubuga, 20. Colin Jones

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . France
3 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
4 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
5 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana
6 **Domingo Ayala** . . . . . Puerto Rico
7 **Bruce Curry** . . . . . Ft. Worth Texas
8 **Monroe Brooks** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.
10 **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada

11. Sal Lopez, 12. Obisia Nwankpa, 13. Cristobal Torres, 14. Johnny Bumphus, 15. Jorge Morales, 16. Juan Jose Gimenez, 17. Mark Ibanez, 18. Roberto Alfaro, 19. Hugo Luero, 20. Termite Watkins, 21. Thomas Americo, 22. Steve Early, 23. Antonio Guinaldo, Hugo Quartapelle (Tie)

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(AS OF JULY 11, 1981)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)

***WBA champion** **WBC champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO** . . . . . Coral Gables, Fla.
1 **Sean O'Grady*** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
2 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
4 **Jim Watt** . . . . . Scotland
5 **Rodolfo Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
7 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
8 **Roberto Elizondo** . . . . . Corpus Christi, Texas
9 **Ernesto Espana** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Gonzallo Montellano** . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Herman Montes, 12. Curtis Harris, 13. Ray Mancini, 14. Edwin Viruet, 15. Andy Ganigan, 16. Jorge Morales, 17. Jose Luis Ramirez, 18. Orlando Romero, 19. Joey Gibilisco

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards**** . . . . . England
2 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
4 **Yasutsune Uehara** . . . . . Japan
5 **Ildefonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Leonel Hernandez** . . . . . Venezuela
7 **Rolando Navarette** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
8 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
9 **Carlos Pinango** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **John Verderosa** . . . . . Staten Island, N.Y.

11. Patrick Ford 12. Greg Coverson, 13. Frankie Baltazar, 14. Johnny Aba, 15. Jorge Alvarado, 16. Enrique Maxwell, 17. Mario Vizcaya, 18. Victor Echegaray, 19. Alfredo Paiva, 20. Il-Bok Lee, 21. Hector Cortez, 22. Guillermo Morales, 23. Armando Perez

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
4 **Gustavo Salgado** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
9 **Mario Miranda** . . . . . Colombia
10 **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England

11. Paul Ferrari, 12. Roberto Castanon, 13. Francisco Manzo, 14. Juan Malvarez, 15. Augustin Martinez, 16. Alberto Collazo, 17. Guillermo Morales, 18. Nicky Perez, 19. Freddie Roach, 20. Royal Kobayashi, 21. Alcibiades Blandon

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
3 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
4 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Carmelo Negron** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
6 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
7 **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
8 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
10 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea

11. Lupe Pintor, 12. Jose Cervantes, 13. Derrik Holmes, 14. Jesus Caicedo, 15. Carlos Mendoza, 16. Juan Antonio Lopez, 17. Oscar Muniz, 18. Ric Diamale, 19. Roberto Rubaldino, 20. Julio Saba, 21. Willie Lucas

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Jorge Lujan** . . . . . Panama
5 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
6 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
8 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Norberto Cabrera** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Chul-Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea

11. Rafael Orono, 12. Hurricane Teru, 13. Carlos Bejarano, 14. Miguel Iriarte, 15. Johnny Carter, 16. Jaime Garza, 17. Jovito Rengifo, 18. Weilie Nkosinkula, 19. Ronald Sumalis, 20. Ramon Soria, 21. Fred Jackson, 22. Seung-Hoon Lee

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO AVELAR** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
2 **Pedro Flores** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Yoko Gushiken** . . . . . Japan
4 **Betulio Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
5 **Willie Jensen** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
6 **Luis Ibarra*** . . . . . Panama
7 **Santos Laciar** . . . . . Argentina
8 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
9 **Gustavo Ballas** . . . . . Argentina
10 **Peter Mathebula** . . . . . South Africa

11. Shoji Oguma, 12. Candido Tellez, 13. German Torres, 14. Joey Olivo, 15. Reinaldo Becerra, 16. Gabriel Bernal, 17. Eleoncio Mercedes, 18. Miguel Canto, 19. Tae-Shik Kim, 20. Stephen Muchoki, 21. Orlando Maldonado

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adorned with the snake's head that won the fight for Leonard; it was his right. Several of them. For Ayub Kalule, despite Leonard's pre-fight deprecation of him as "an advanced amateur," could hardly be called a tune-up for Leonard's fight with Hearns. He was formidable. In any language, Ugandan, Danish, or any of the other four languages Kalule speaks—none of which are "voodoo"—he gave Leonard one helluva fight; enough for Leonard to rank him in the "five toughest fights in my career."

From the bell for Round One Kalule came at Leonard, and kept coming, his southpaw stance less that of a traditional sidewinder than a straight forward stance, similar in style to that employed by Jake LaMotta. And although Ray was far quicker and was to catch Kalule time and again with lead rights, Kalule, himself, was able to land lead lefts which, when coupled with his right uppercut, put Leonard on the defensive.

Leonard's speed and right-hand leads captured rounds one and two, but in the third round—a round when Leonard severely bruised the third knuckle on his right hand—Kalule landed several jarring punches to Leonard's head, capturing the crowd. By round four, Leonard, who had ended every round with an Ali-like stare or an "I'm-gonna-get-you" threat, seemed to gain new admiration for the man he called an "advanced amateur," and, as the round ended with a solid Kalule right, patted his more-than-worthy opponent on the rump with an appreciative gesture. Kalule had merited Leonard's faint praise. And would merit it even more in the seventh and eighth rounds, when he took the fight to Leonard, landing several left leads and right uppercuts that stopped Sugar Ray in his tracks and caused his head to snap back. Kalule even made Leonard miss four straight shots to the head, something only Wilfred Benitez had ever done to the Sugarman. But the best was yet to come. Round nine began as round eight had ended, with both men advancing to the center of the ring, and Angelo Dundee calling out for Ray to "move . . . move . . ."

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But neither man moved, except directly at the other, as the two 153-pounders teed off, Leonard getting the advantage of the first exchange and scoring with a heavy left hook and right to the head, backing the champion into the ropes. There Leonard continued his assault, scoring with a flurry to the head. But Kalule stood his ground and landed two right uppercuts, causing Leonard to back off. Leonard pursued his quarry, driving him again into the ropes again with two ringing rights to the head. Still Kalule fought back, showing what had made him a great champion, and once again shook up Leonard with another left lead and right uppercut. It had all the makings of Rocky II, as first one and then the other warrior rocked back and forth, their heads and fists flaying around in alternating currencies. Then, with scant seconds left in the ninth round, Leonard caught Kalule with a straight right to the head, and, as Kalule staggered backward, threw still another left hook and follow-up right that dropped the champ in a neutral corner with only six seconds left in the round. Kalule was up at the "supposed" count of five, and stood blank-eyed staring at referee Carlos Beccoral as he tolled off the rest of the mandatory eight-count. But still, two seconds into the commercial, no bell had rung. Beccoral looked into Kalule's eyes as he wiped his gloves and asked him if he "wanted to continue," and the champ said "No," he had had enough, thinking there were still 40 to go in the round. That was it, referee Beccoral waved his arms and the fight was over—at 3:05 of the ninth round, despite the fact that the timekeeper, who had failed to toll the bell, tried to hide his mistake by fudging on the time and calling it a knockout at 2:59 of the round. With such a magnificent sense of numbers maybe he should invent a soft-drink called "6-Up". That would be closer than the time given.

After the fight, as the press bus loaded up for its run back to the hotel, a lone man could be seen walking down the side of the Astrodome parking lot. One of the writers, seeing the form, was moved to say, "That must be the witch doctor; they probably didn't pick up his option."

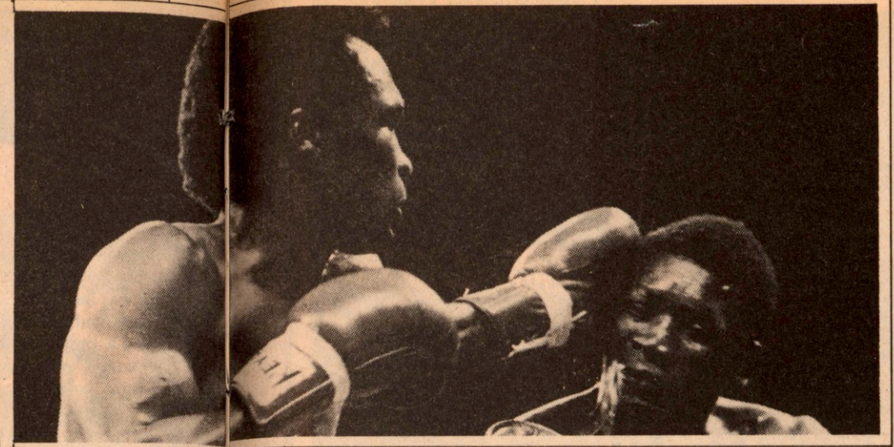
BURT RANDOLPH SUGAR

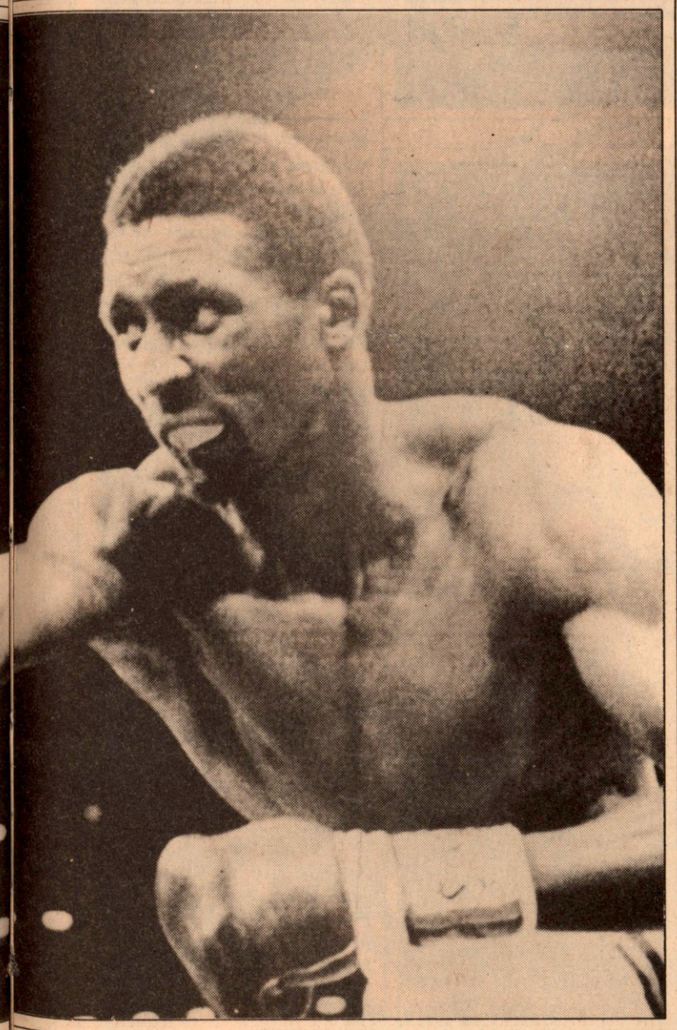
CUEVAS-HANSEN

An easy win over a ranked fighter, yet one that proved absolutely nothing with regard to former WBA welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas, except that he remains, by most accounts, the most popular of the prominant Mexican boxers, was offered to the Leonard-Kalule fight crowd as the evening's "feature preliminary".

Entering the ring to deafening noise, Cuevas stormed from his corner when the opening bell rang, and 1:20 later, he had disposed of European champion Jorgen Hansen in as one sided a match (make that mis-match), as has been seen recently.

Two hard right hand body shots, some 15 seconds into the fray, put Hansen on the defensive immediately; and shortly thereafter, one of Cuevas' well-known left hooks sent the 38-year-old Danish plumber down on the seat of his pants. Though Hansen was able to unsteadily rise,Cuevas obviously sensed he had his opponent ready for the kill, and stormed in landing lefts and rights with no return. When a particularly hard left hook to the top of Hansen's head turned his legs to jelly, referee Mark Tessman rescued the defenseless Dane—only seconds before his cornermen threw in a bright yellow towel in token of surrender.





Hansen hadn't landed a punch.

When the WBA junior middleweight crown changed hands later in the evening, Cuevas' agent, Rafael Mendoza, expressed the desire to meet Kalule, with the winner getting a title shot. With Cuevas' non-stop offense, and Kalule's superior defensive skills, this pairing, if it can be made, will be one all fight fans will be looking forward to; though we feel that Mendoza's assessment of the proposed match, "two rounds, we'll take Kalule in two rounds" may indicate a degree of false optimism on their part. Thrashing a fighter like the shop-worn Hansen, whose get-up-and-go obviously has gotten-up-and-went, isn't indicative, at all, of how Pipino would fare against a youthful, skilled boxer such as Kalule.

AYALA-CHEATHAM

On the same card where Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns were adding to their already lengthy lists of accomplishments in the ring, one of boxings budding stars, Tony "Torito" Ayala, Jr., took another step along the road to the greatness that he seems destined for.

In the first round, Ayala, 154¼, San Antonio, seemed bothered to some degree by the movement and quick jab of his opponent, "Schoolboy" Jerry Cheatham, 153½, Phoenix. Whether this was the ability of Cheatham (Ayala's handlers opinion), "Torito's" not being warmed up properly (the observation of several ringside observers), or simply a desire on the undefeated Alamo City slugger's part to show that he could box as well as slug it out (his explanation), we don't know. What is obvious is that, when he resorted to his storming in tactics, behind a surprisingly quick left jab and his often discussed vicious body attack, he began to manhandle Cheatham . . . to the extent that, by the end of round two, it seemed just a matter of how much the Arizonan could take before succumbing.

Rounds three and four featured Ayala applying constant pressure to his taller opponent, scoring repeatedly with hard body shots and with an occasional left hook or countering overhand right when Cheatham dropped his left coming off a jab. Though Ayala may need a little bit of work on defense—this will come with more experience, say his trainers—the 18-year-old slugger is awesome when he is in against a foe who does anything but run from him.

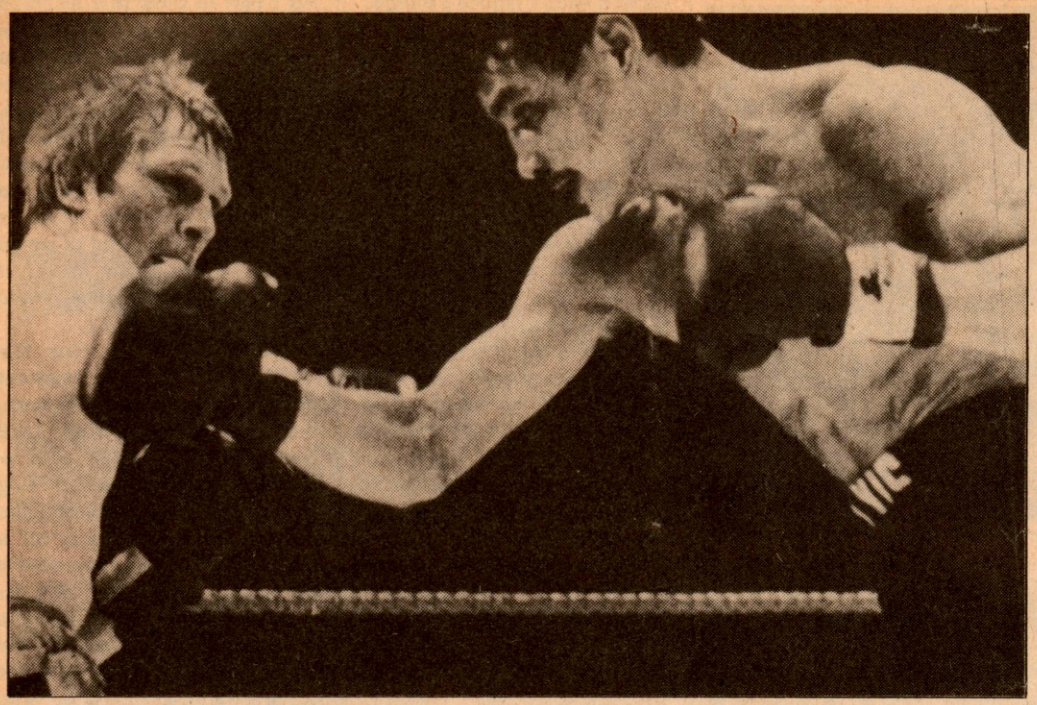
As round five began, it was obvious that Cheatham was in a severe predicament, namely, how to get away from the onrushing Ayala and try to land a hard counter punch or two. When it became fruitless to do so any longer, Cheatham would back against the ropes and try and tie Ayala up whenever Torito got close. This only made matters worse, as anyone who remains a stationary target when in with Ayala is simply asking for trouble.

Cheatham did—thanks to some encouragement from trainer Jimmy Montoya—struggle off of his stool and come out for round six; but, after only a few seconds, it was easy to see that all the steam was gone from Cheatham, and that he would soon be finished. Midway through the round, Ayala trapped Cheatham in a neutral corner and ended matters with several left hooks to the ribs and one tremendous right to the mouth. The handsome Phoenix battler, who supplements his boxing income by working as a model, went down on both knees, and referee Chris Jordan stopped the contest—not even bothering to count.

Top:
Bigger than ever, Sugar Ray moved-up a notch by taking Ayub Kalule's WBA Junior Middleweight title

Below left:
Straight flush. Tommy Hearns hits the spot of Pablo Baez in the fourth round of their battle in the Astrodome

Milton McCrory, 148, Detroit, scored a TKO at 0:45 of round eight over Steve Hearon, 145½, Houston, in the card's curtain raiser. After losing the first two rounds, McCrory got his long left jab working and cut



Hearon over both eyes. A whistling overhand right, which Hearon later said he didn't see coming due to blood in his eyes, sent the local youngster down in a neutral corner. When he arose, referee Mark Tessman called in commission doctor Jim Marr, who ruled that the bout should be stopped. McCrory, a look-alike stablemate of Hearns, is now 14-0, with Hearon falling to 12-2.

One of the grossest examples of poor taste this reporter has seen lately saw Michigan commissioner Hiawatha Knight, seated at ringside with the WBA "dignitaries" who were in town for a called meeting of that group's executive board, loudly cheering for McCrory and Hearns. While we can understand Ms. Knight wanting her hometown favorites to win, such a visible show of partiality—many of her exhortations were disparaging remarks about the abilities of Hearon and Baez—coming from a WBA official is a bit much.

The "walk out" bout on this card saw world ranked junior middleweight Tadishi Mihara, Tokyo, do away with outclassed Ramon Dionsio, Philippines, at 1:55 of round five. Mihara had halted Dionisio in six rounds in an earlier meeting. Chris Jordan refereed.

Preliminary Judges—Bob Martin, Bill Yeager.

Timekeeper—Virgil Reichardt

Knockdown Timer—W.W. "Woody" Meyers

Attendance—33,400.

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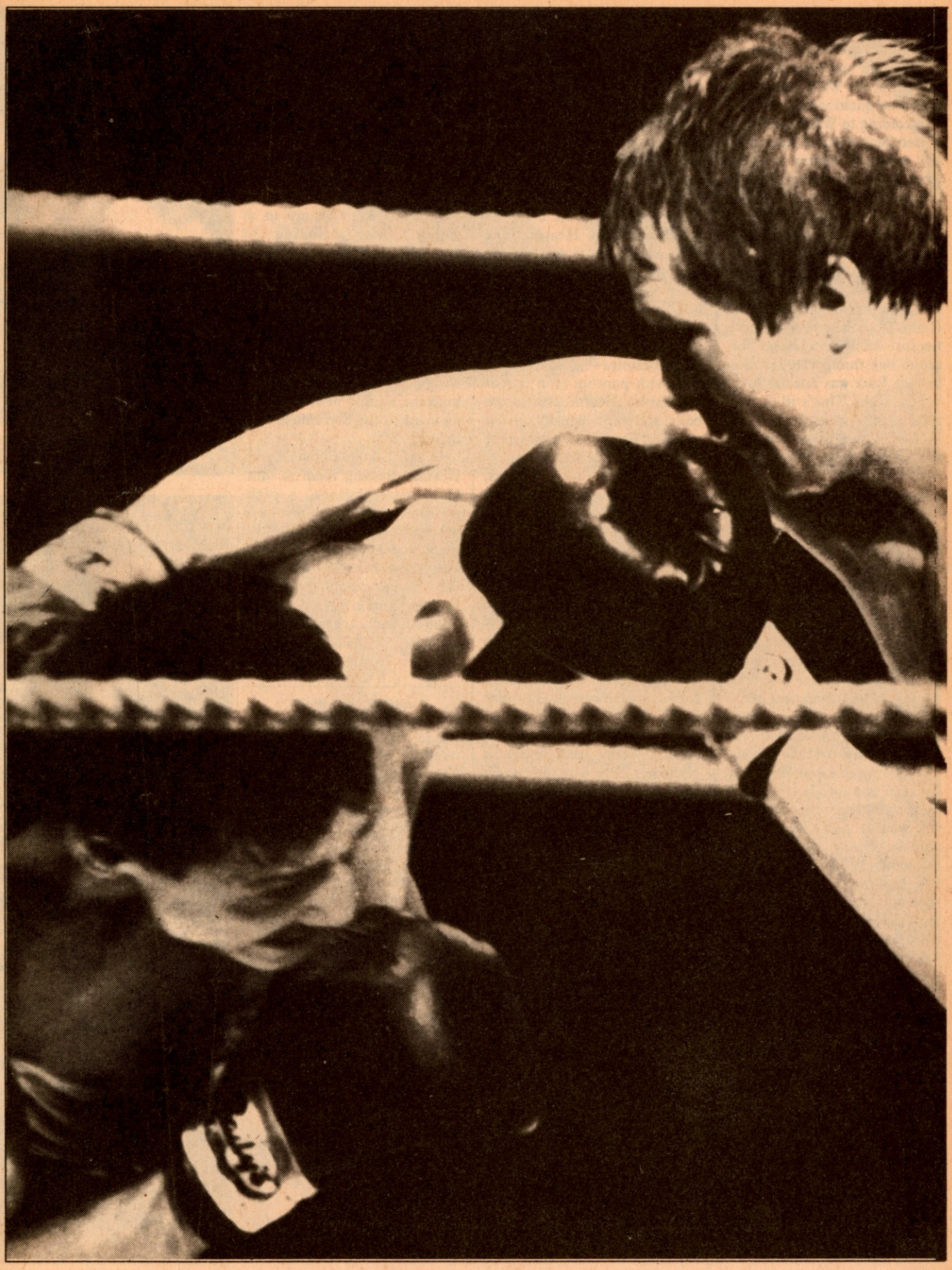
HEARNS-BAEZ
WBA Welterweight Title

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Pablo Baez was given a chance by promoter Bob Arum to play "Rocky." You know the story: The unsung challenger who opposes the talented, powerful, all-conquering champion. Only Baez' part was a real-life one, not studio manufactured. The miracle of "Rocky" could happen only on the screen, not in the ring against Thomas Hearns.

Baez, a transplanted Dominican now fighting and living out of Los Angeles, must have a guardian angel who negotiated with WBA officials to get Baez this title fight. That's because fighters with mediocre records (we accept the one handed in as 14-8-2 as realistic) do not

Top and right: Alexis Arguello does his best to kill-a-Watt during their bout which saw the Scot down for eight in the seventh.

Bottom: International Fly Swats. Charlie Magri zaps an uppercut into Jose Herrera and papers him for the second time



normally get rated, much less get title shots.

However, the WBA ratings are the ones in question here. As you know, the WBA ratings are, well, very questionable.

According to WBA by-laws (if indeed such a set of rules actually exist), a fighter must be rated in the top-10 for 90 days prior to receiving his title shot. Let's see now, March 27 would have been 90 days prior to the time Baez was awarded for his outstanding boxing achievements (??). Where in the WBA's top-10 welterweight was Baez? Hmm. Doesn't seem to be there. Because the WBA's ratings only shows one through 10, it must be that Baez was rated at number 11. Sure! That's it! A technical draw against Rudy Barro in March surely was the bout that impressed the WBA ratings committee.

On the afternoon before the fight, the WBA held a "rules meeting." Sitting in on your wife's weekly Mah-Jong game would surely be more exciting. For seemingly endless hours the officers discussed important WBA matters. Actually, what is important to the WBA matters *only* to them. At one point, WBA Vice-President Bob Lee, one of the few members of the WBA with any honesty, integrity and guts, questioned why Baez was given the title shot and how he got his top-10 rating. Mr. Lee was told, in front of a room jammed with reporters, that what he had asked was certainly a "valid question," but that other WBA matters would first be attended to before answering his question. The meeting ended with no answer. The question was avoided entirely.

So, Pablo Baez got his undeserved shot at Thomas Hearns, his chance to play "Rocky."

Unlike "Apollo Creed," Hearns did not suffer any broken ribs, nor did he capture a close, 15-round decision after taking a dreadful pounding. Hearns was expected to be able to take Baez' best shots, then come back to batter him and stop him. The script went exactly that way. There was no Hollywood ending. Hearns never had to dramatically pick himself off the floor as a screaming crowd worked itself to a frenzy. He never returned dazed or bleeding to his corner as a frantic Emanuel Steward worked over him.

Hearns set the tempo in the first round with his fast and incredibly hard left jab. From the first left that snapped into his face, "Rocky" Baez surely must have been thinking, "What the hell am I doing here?" To his credit, he tried. At 6'1", he stood as tall as Hearns. The "Hit Man" was to say later, "I had to use the first round, round-and-a-half to figure him out."

When Hearns got hit with a punch—and he *did* get hit with some beauties—he came right back with punches even crisper and harder. Hearns worked the body and head equally, never wanting Baez "to know where the next shot was headed for."

In the third round, Hearns, 147, went up on his toes to show the crowd in the Houston Astrodome and worldwide closed-circuit audience that awaited the Sugar Ray Leonard-Ayub Kalule fight that "I can do more than stand there and punch." So for most of round three, Hearns became elusive, moving away from the puzzled-looking Baez.

When Hearns returned to his corner at the end of the third round, he was told by manager/trainer Emanuel Steward, "You're doing great." Hearns replied, "I've got this under control. I'm gonna go out now and dress him up for the right hand."

Hearns began dressing up Baez, 144¾, right away. No longer did he dance. Hearns was now flat-footed, putting everything behind the left jab. Occasionally, he took something off the jab, allowing Baez to move in. Hearns launched a right-hand missile at Baez. It missed by inches. He resumed throwing lefts. Then he launched another right. It, too, missed, but this time by only a fraction of an inch. Once again the stream of lefts headed towards Baez' head and body. Then came the quick, pulverizing right. Baez' head snapped sideways. He sunk towards the canvas, but managed to somehow keep himself upright.

The "Hit Man" went after his victim. Hearns poured his shots in. Both barrels. Baez was helpless against the ropes in his own corner. Hearns continued the onslaught. A jolting right hand to the chin started Baez on his way to the floor. Hearnes attempted to hold Baez up with his left and finish him with one more right, but Japanese referee Ken Morita quickly jumped between the fighters, giving Hearns his 32nd victory in as many fights, including 30 knockouts.

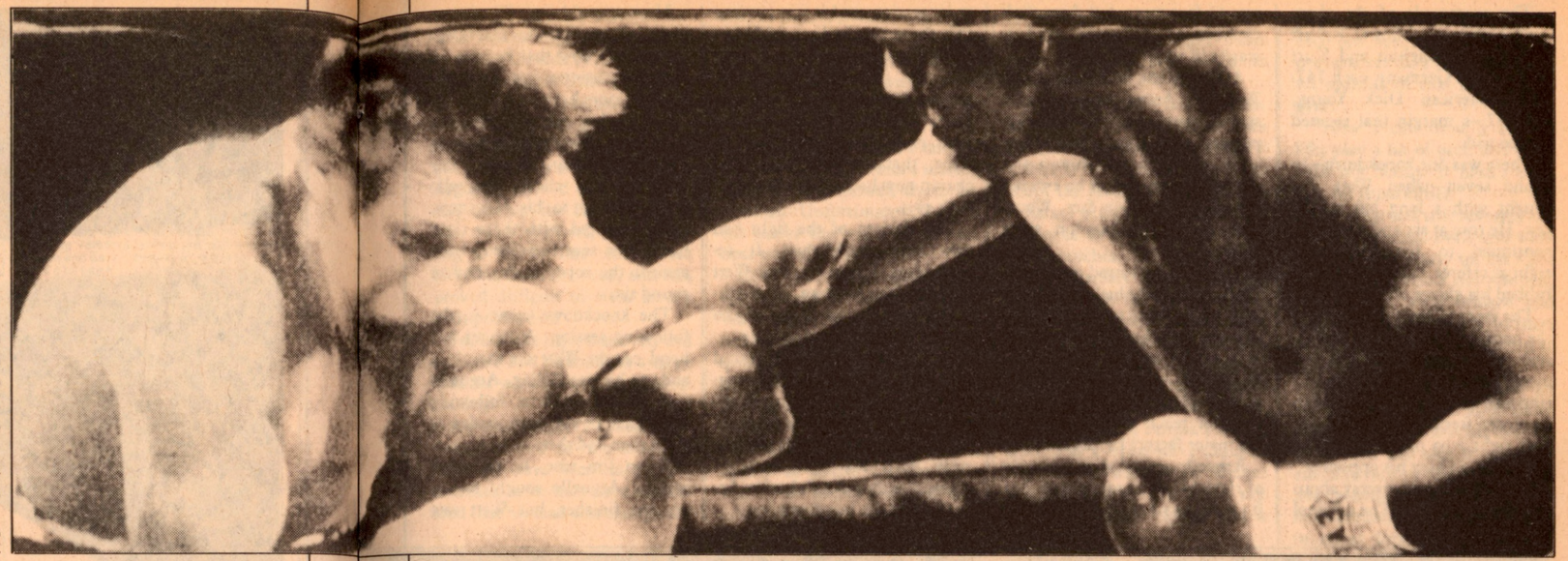
As fast as Thomas Hearns' hands looked this evening, as fast as Sugar Ray Leonard's hands looked against Ayub Kalule, the victim of the man with the night's fastest hands was Shelly Finkel, the man behind the signing of Hearns and Leonard to the September 16th fight.

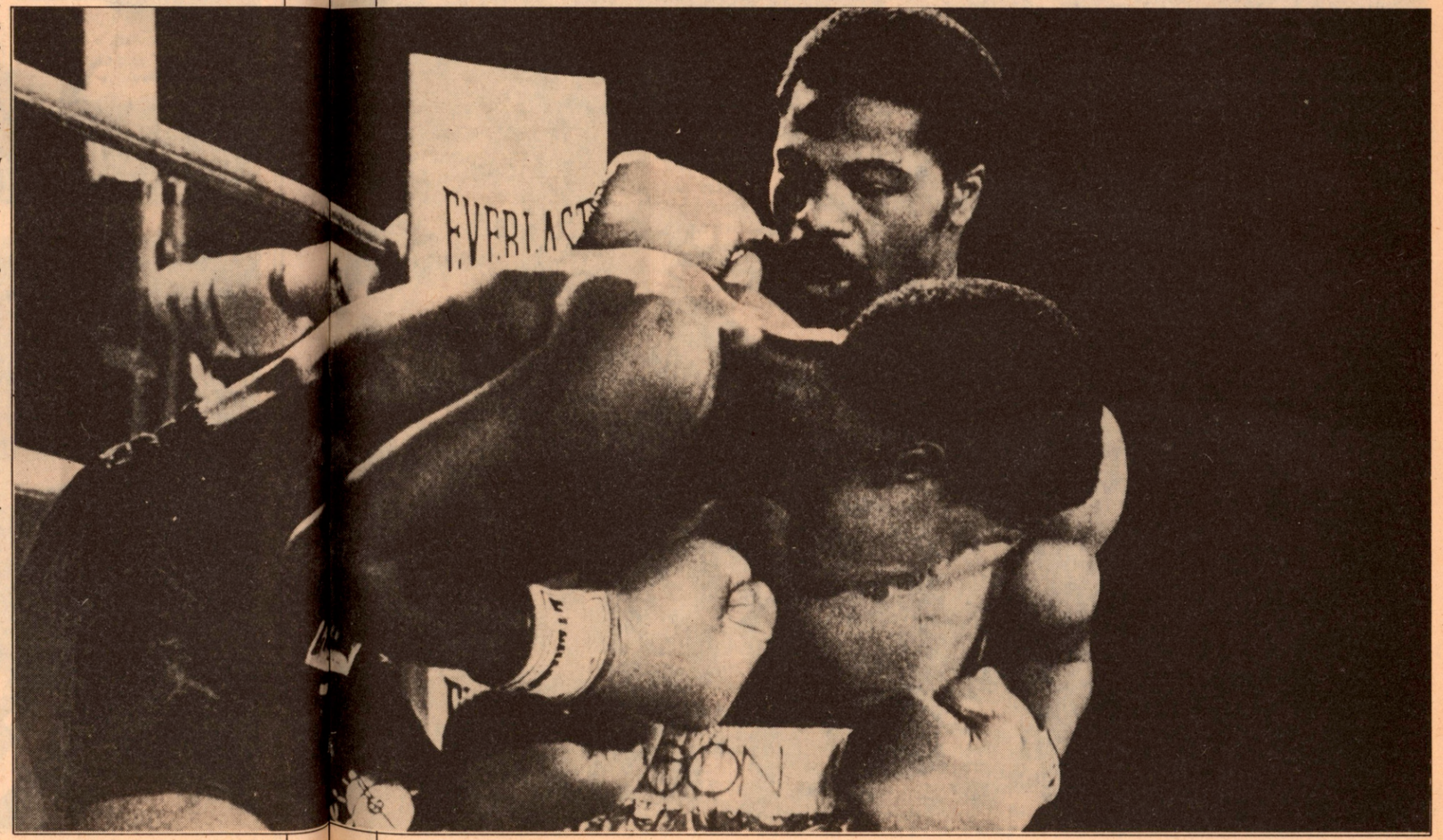
As Finkel was heading to Hearns' dressing room to offer his congratulations, a pickpocket reached into Finkel's pants and swiped $350. He was there and gone before Finkel ever knew what hit him. Perhaps Finkel should try to find the guy and put him on the "Showdown" card in Las Vegas.

RANDY GORDON

ARGUELLO-WATT
World Lightweight Title

LONDON, ENGLAND—Nicaraguan exile Alexis Arguello, 134½, joined the select band of those who have won world titles at three different weights by unanimously outpointing champion Jim Watt of Scotland over 15 rounds for the WBC lightweight crown. He had previously held the feather and junior lightweight titles.





Top:
A real Quickie. Cuevas didn't even give Jorgen Hansen a chance to get acquainted, winning by K.O. in the 1st round.

Bottom:
Bye-Bye Blackmoore. Aaron Pryor easily retained his title by stopping Lennox 58 seconds into the second round

The scorecards of the three judges were as follows: Robert Desgains of Belgium and Kurt Hallbach of Germany, each 147-143; American Dick Young, 147-137—a margin that seemed far too wide.

There was one knockdown—in round seven—when Watt was caught with a long left to the jaw. He rose at six and the count continued to the mandatory eight as referee Arthur Mercante rubbed his gloves off.

The story of the fight was that the harder punching and aggression of Arguello proved too much for the neat boxing and ringcraft of Watt, who, although he scored frequently with southpaw right jabs to the face, was rarely able to hurt his opponent.

There was a controversy about the size of the ring. The original was 16 ft. square, but Arguello's connections protested, and it was built up to 19.

Although the bout was held at Wembley Arena in London, a strong contingent of Watt supporters came down from Scotland, and they gave him a tremendous reception as he entered the ring. It was, in fact, Watt's first contest in London since 1978.

The opening round was quiet. Watt, as usual, had his gloves well up in front of his face. He threw a right hand, but was out of distance, and Arguello poked out a few tentative lefts. Two inches taller, the Nicaraguan's superior reach would be one of the major factors in this bout.

Arguello scored with a couple of right hands in round two, but it was another comparatively quiet session, and it was obvious that these two had a healthy respect for each other.

In the following round, Arguello decided to step up the pace, scoring with a couple of hard right hooks, then a left-right that sent Jim back. The champ now had red marks under both eyes.

The pattern of the fight had now been established. It remained to be seen whether Watt could outbox his man, or whether the power punching of the challenger would win the day.

Round five was a better round for Watt. By dint of good ringcraft, he evaded some of his opponent's rushes, and kept out of the corners, all the while jabbing away with his right counter. These punches didn't bother Arguello unduly, but they scored.

No one could fault Watt's tactics or his application. But it was obvious by now that he was up against a stronger opponent and a harder puncher.

When Arguello landed, Jim Watt hurt. Watt's features bore testimony to this, especially his swollen right cheek. Arguello was warming to his task now, and connected with three right hands that sent the champ back against the ropes at the end of round six.

The knockdown came in the following session. A longer left hand caught Watt on the chin, and, as he was falling, Arguello just missed with a following right that could have ended it right then and there.

When Jim rose, he retreated rapidly. Arguello sought to apply the finisher, but Watt saw the round through without further trouble. Arguello now had a bump on the side of his left eye.

Watt seemed little the worse for the knockdown, as he scored with three good right jabs at the start of round eight, and even got home with a left to the jaw. Arguello seemed content to try and line up the big one again, but, while he posed, Jim continued to work. The champ was bleeding from the nose, and this proved difficult to stem as the bout proceeded.

So, half the fight was over, and Arguello had established a large lead tht would take a bit of overcoming.

At this stage, Arguello appeared to slow down a little. He may just have been enjoying a breather, or he may have considered that his lead was enough for him to pace the rest of the fight. Whatever it was, Watt came more into the picture. Jim had never stopped throwing that right jab, but now he was landing it more often.

Round 10 was a good one for Jim. He landed the more scoring punches and showed more aggression. Unfortunately, he was cut under the left eye, and his nose was still bleeding.

At the end of that session, referee Mercante went over to Watt's corner to ascertain the extent of the eye injury, but he was quickly waved away as Jim's cornermen got on with the job of getting him ready for the next round.

Arguello took the play to the champ in round 11, but Watt was by no means finished, and could well have won both the 12th and 13th, hurling himself into the fray, jabbing purposefully, and getting home with a couple of stinging left hands to the face that surprised the challenger.

This was typical Watt courage. He must have known that the writing was on the wall, but, if he had to lose his crown, he would go down with dignity. He was certainly not prepared to make Arguello a present of it.

The icebag was brought out at the end of the 12th for Arguello's eye injury, and the Nicaraguan seemed a little surprised that Watt was still coming at him.

The Scottish contingent were cheering their heads off now, but Jim's cause was now virtually hopeless. Yet, he continued to press forward, and caught Arguello with a left hand that jerked the latter's head back in the 14th.

As the bell sounded for the start of the final round, it occurred to me that there had been so little clinching that Arthur Mercante could have stayed home. A remarkably clean fight, in the best traditions of a championship bout.

Arguello tried hard to stop his man. Watt was just as determined not to be stopped, as they punched it out in the final round. Both were tired, but the last punch of the fight came from Watt—his last punch as champion.

The result was a fair one, not disputed by the champion. Here are a few after-the-fight quotes:

WATT: "I have no complaints about the result. I went out like a man. I didn't quit. I can only apologize to my fans. He was a hard puncher, but I thought I could outsmart him. In fact, I thought I did for a little while. My title's in good hands. As to the future, I shall go home and have a long think before making a decision. I'm in the car business, and, if I had to do an estimate of my face, I think I would treat it as a write-off. I thought the scoring was harsh. Otherwise, no complaints. I lost my crown to a great fighter and a gentleman."

ARGUELLO: "I think I beat one of the great champions. I hit him with my best punches, but he just wouldn't go down or quit. This is the greatest I have fought, but my trainer won it for me. He told me what to do, and I paid attention throughout."

The British corner was not happy about the frequent presence of referee Mercante between rounds inquiring about Watt's eye injuries.

MERCANTE: "I called the doctor to Watt's corner because I thought his nose was broken. Jim Watt's a nice boy and I'm in there to protect him."

Consolation for Watt was his estimated £350,000 share of a combined £500,000 (one million dollars), the highest sum ever paid to a British boxer. It was also estimated that Jim had grossed £800,000 for his six WBC world title fights in two years. Not bad for a man who had almost given up hope a few years ago, and was on the verge of retiring when he was taken over by manager Terry Lawless.

This opened a whole new life for Watt, and he and Terry have been a fine team, almost like father and son.

After a night's rest, Watt, now nearly 33, again talked about the future, and mused over the past. "I've been under a great deal of pressure, ever since I became world champ," he said. "Now that it's all over I feel a great relief. During the past couple of years I've had six title fights, each one needing three months' preparation. So I've spent all but six months of that time in the gym.

"Now I can have a normal life, play a bit of golf, and relax with my family. It hasn't been easy for them either."

Jim's features still revealed the bruises and cuts. Both eyes were shut, or very nearly so, his right cheek was bruised and swollen, and his lips were bruised and cut, making it difficult for him to speak. He was still dabbing at one of the cuts with a tissue.

Jim will do what he said he would, and have a long think about his future. But his eventual decision will almost undoubtedl be to retire and enjoy life. He has certainly done Scotland and Britain proud. He was very keen to equal former world champ Jimmy Wilde's record of five successful defences, but it wasn't to be. No matter.

So, on behalf of all your fans, Jim, a happy retirement. And thank you, Jim Watt, M.B.E. and Freeman of the City of Glasgow.

Charlie Magri, 111½, Stepney, England, knocked out Jose Herrera, 112, Mexico, in the first round of a scheduled 10. Referee Harry Gibbs counted Herrera out in 1:45 of the session.

Kelvin Smart, 112, Wales, kayoed Eddie Glencross, 114¼, Glasgow, Scotland, in 0:55 of the third round in a scheduled six refereed by Gibbs.

Karl Canwell, 180, Highgate, England, halted Chris Lawson, 176½, Pembroke, England, in the eighth and final round of their bout. Referee Bob Galloway stopped the contest at 1:14 of the canto.

R.W. Smith, 153¼, St. Ives, Cornwall, England, knocked out Peter Sullivan, 155¼, Plymouth, England, in 1:50 of the first round of a scheduled six refereed by Galloway.

Colin Derrick, 147½, Bethnal Green, England, outpointed Dave Allen, 149¾, Conisborough, England. Referee Galloway scored the six-round bout 60-57½.

Rudi Pika, 207, Cardiff, Wales, a southpaw, stopped Bob Young, 206½, Croydon, England, at 1:55 of the first round of their scheduled six. Harry Gibbs, referee.

Barry McGuigan, 129½, Dublin, Ireland, halted Gary Lucas, 128, Liverpool, England, at 1:20 of the fourth round of their scheduled six. Bob Galloway, referee.

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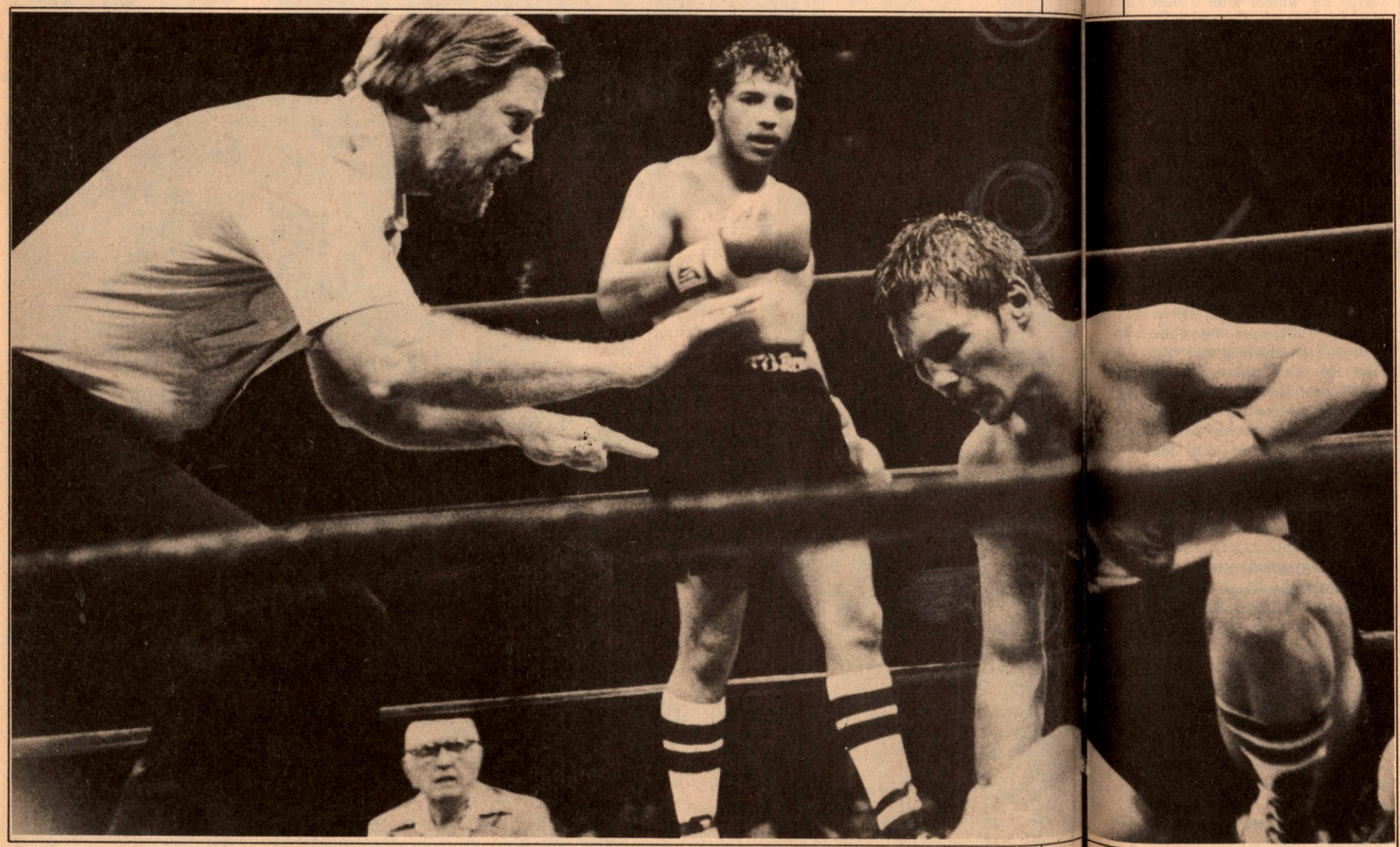
RON OLVER



The "Schoolboy" got a lesson in arithmetic—compliments of "Torito" Ayala.

IBARRA-LACIAR
WBA Flyweight Title

BUENOS AIRES, ARG.—To lose your championship is no crime. To lose your championship on your own home ground is no crime. But to lose your championship on your own home ground because of something that might best be called official meddling could indeed be described as a crime.

The Ibarra-Laciar fight was just such a fight. For not only did Santos Benigno Laciar lose his WBA Flyweight title to former titleist Luis Ibarra, but he lost it on his home ground, Luna Park in Buenos Aires. And he lost it because of official meddling—in the form of Dr. Elias Cordova, the former President of the World Boxing Association and current head of the WBA's World Championships Committee. Regrettably, there is no other explanation for the outrage perpetrated on Laciar.

Let's start at the beginning. Dr. Cordova came to Argentina in April to oversee the Palma-Cruz WBA Junior Featherweight championship. While there, he hinted to promoter Tito Lectoure that former champion—and, not incidentally, fellow Panamanian—Ibarra be given a "good purse." "Something," Cordova further suggested "that will not force me to put this match up for world auction." (A "World Auction" meaning that envelopes with bids for the fight would be sent to Panama, the seat of the WBA, there, on a certain day, to be opened by Sr. Cordova. However, a match between Laciar and Ibarra would not be meaningful, in terms of dollars, to any promoter outside of Panama or Argentina.)

Lectoure started off the bidding by offering Ibarra $20,000. But Cordova told him that at that price he could do nothing else but put the bout up for auction. "Give the boy $30,000 and the fight will be yours," Cordova told Lectoure. So Lectoure, having gotten the message, made his offer $30,000 and cabled it to Panama that same day, April 9th.

It was ironic that Ibarra only found out that his purse was $30,000—not the $20,000 he had supposed it to be—when he was asked a question by David Sbarski of *Estadio* magazine at a subsequent press conference. Later, during a ride from Luna Park to the Bauen Hotel, Ibarra's brother said that he would report the matter to Major Paredes, one of Panamanian President Torrijos' lieutenants. It was assumed that those "forgotten" $10,000 were available so that Doctors Martiz and Cordova could come down to Argentina with first-class tickets and first-class hotel accommodations.

But if getting involved in the economics of the fight—and driving up Ibarra's purse of $30,000; the same Ibarra who was paid $8,000 to fight Betulio Gonzalez in Maracay earlier—was a crime, Cordova was to compound his felony when it came to naming the officials for the fight. True, this was something well within the power of Rodrigo Sanchez, President of the WBA. But Sanchez, unfortunately, was critically ill. Therefore, the duty of naming the officials should have been left to the Vice President, Judge Klopper of South Africa. But propriety seemed to be furthest from Sr. Cordova's mind, especially when it came to naming the officials who would take part in a match in which a fellow countryman was attempting to regain the title.

But this was hardly the end of Dr. Cordova's meddling. Having lured over one of the WBC's top referees, Richard Steele from Los Angeles, to the "side" of the WBA, Sr. Cordova now intended to implement a promise he had made to Steele; to wit: after his immediate acceptance he would be named an official at the first match outside the United States. It goes without saying that Steele was named referee in the Ibarra-Laciar fight.

At the weigh-in the day of the fight, Bobby Lee, President of the USBA, asked if Ibarra's beard was permissible under Argentine rules. He was told that it wasn't so as to avoid infections in the event of a cut. But here the heavy hand of Dr. Cordova evinced itself again and he directed Lee to allow Ibarra to keep his beard.

But Cordova still was not done. At the fight itself Sr. Cordova, supposedly a guest and not a supervisor, was at ringside taking the cards of the officials and checking them. Lee remained quietly at his side instead of making any decision when Steele's card did not add up nor judge Crosson's card make sense after 15 rounds. But obviously Lee did not want to annoy the person who would decide who the officials at upcoming fights in the Seouls, Caracases, Johannesburgs and all points North, East and South would be.

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It seemed, to this observer, that although Ibarra had made an effort during the first six rounds, he never took any risks, as if he took for granted that he would receive a verdict in his favor in case of a close fight. And so it was, up until the end of the 13th, a close fight, with Laciar now rallying and coming back to carry the fight to the retreating Ibarra, who was penalized one point for shoving during the 13th. Then it was Laciar all the way home. Or so it seemed. But home—at least in this case—was not where the verdict was, and Ibarra was declared the winner after a nine minute and 20 second delay while the scorecards were tabulated. Again and again. By Dr. Cardova.

He, together with referee Steele, who never allowed Laciar freedom to fight inside where he is at his best and Ibarra his worst, and judge Crosson, gave this decision to a challenger who was on the retreat for the entire 15 rounds. Isn't it ironic that Mssrs. Steele, Crosson and Rondeau, all entirely new to the WBA—coming over from the WBC—and all in their debut with the WBA, were to give the fight to a Panamanian and that they also were always in the company of another Panamanian, the ubiquitous Dr. Cordova? Laciar deserved better. Argentina deserved better. And the WBA deserved better.

ERNESTO CHERQUIS BIALO
EL GRAFICO

FLETCHER-SABATER
USBA Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—They call middleweight Frank Fletcher "The Animal", and now, following his first dose of national television exposure, everybody—including opponent Norberto Sabater—knows why. The Philadelphia lefthander stormed to a unanimous 10-round decision, capturing the vacant USBA belt, in a savage brawl that many are calling the

closest one-sided fight in a long while.

The match pitted two of the division's young turks in a head on clash that had all the subtlety of a train wreck. The bout was fought almost entirely belly-to-belly, toe-to-toe, with both men giving everything they had in a non-stop orgy of leather tossing. The mentality was, "You hit me and I'll hit you."

Both combatants had noisy contingents of followers on hand in the theatre of the Sands Hotel and Casino. Sabater's legions featured matching red T-shirts and placards bearing their hero's face. Fletcher's rambunctious group, led by his mother, were less uniform in dress, but equally vocal in their cheers and chants. It was good to see a little color in the normally placid casino atmosphere.

Fletcher, 157, opened with his normal all-out assault, surging forward and reddening Sabater's body with clean cracks to the ribs. Norberto lashed back at his shorter antagonist and the war was on. A right staggered Sabater momentarily, but he recovered quickly.

They exchanged terrific head shots in the second with Sabater, 159, holding a slight edge with his combos. It looked at this point that someone was bound to go. The only questions were, who and when.

The torrid tempo increased even more in the third. Fletcher whacked to the body early and then they traded brutal head blows along the ropes. At the bell, Sabater was marked under both eyes and Fletcher's right optic was practically swollen shut.

Fearing that the fight might be stopped because of his eye, Fletcher opened the fourth in a fury, winging home punches at an awesome rate. Sabater tried to stay with him, but after brief success early, the dead game Puerto Rican was forced to give ground under the rabidity of "The Animal's" attack.

Left hooks from the Philadelphian had Norberto looking unsteady on several occasions. Fletcher was proving too strong and too relentless for Sabater to handle.

"I gave everything I had for the first three or four rounds," admitted Sabater. "After that, I was a little tired. He's short, I had to reach for him, and that makes you even more tired."

In an effort to protect his damaged eye, Fletcher tried to box more than is his norm in the middle rounds. He scored well with his right jab, but was more effective when he resorted to his usual rip-snorting style.

"I wanted Frank to box a little more," explained his trainer, Elvin Thompson. "I wanted people to see he's a polished fighter."

That's like trying to make apple sauce out of oranges. Fletcher's strong suit is the fact that he is . . . well, an animal. Why mess with a good thing?

Although both tired down the stretch, the excitement never lagged. Punches continued to crash off various parts of their anatomy with little respite. Fletcher was generally on top, even looking like he might finish Sabater a few times, but Norberto always found the energy and courage to rally back when all seemed lost.

The crowd rose and cheered their lungs out at the final bell. The fight had been just the tonic to wash away the bad taste left from the weekend's mismatches, namely Holmes-Spinks and Hagler-Antuofermo.

Few disputed that Fletcher was the winner, but neither man lost. Promoter Russell Peltz, who has had trouble getting opponents for Fletcher in the past, was heard to say: "Nobody will want to fight either of these guys after this." It was that sort of fight.

Referee Larry Hazzard and judge Charles Spina scored the bout for Fletcher, 7-2-1 and 7-3, respectively. Judge Phil Newman went overboard, voting 10-zip for Frank. This was an insult to Sabater. *The Ring* had "The Animal" winning 6-3-1.

It is interesting to note that the USBA title had become vacant when another Philadelphian, Curtis Parker, was stripped of the crown for failure to defend. Fletcher's solid victory (he's now 12-2-1, with nine kayoes) marked not only the emergence of a new national champ, but a changing of the guard among Philly middles. "The Animal" is now number one in a city long known for top-flight 160-pounders.

Sabater, who lost for the first time in 20 pro bouts, had a rep for being a bit lazy in the ring. He showed no dog in this one and he surely will be back.

Philly's Charlie "Cho Cho" Brown, 136, had problems solving the shuck and jive style of Gary Brown, 139, Indianapolis, but finally lowered the boom with a flurry of punches for a TKO at 1:19 of the eighth round in the top prelim. "Cho Cho" is now 12-2-1, with 10 quick endings to his credit.

Mario Maldonado, 155½, Vineland, N.J. won a unanimous decision over Buster Drayton, also 155½, Phila., eight. Kenny (Ringo Kid) Ringo, 171, Atlantic City, kayoed Ken Johnson, 177½, Middletown, Ohio, in 0:42 of the first. (This one was highly suspect.) Pablo Pizzaro, 175½, Brooklyn, decisioned Tank McKensie, 180, Phila., four. Alfonso Mitchell, 128, Phila., outpointed Anthoney Pezzano, 134, Blackwood, N.J., four. James Tucker, 147½, drew with Kevin Griffin, 145½, both from Philadelphia.

Referees—Joe O'Neil and Larry Hazzard.
Judges—Charles Spina and Phil Newman.
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NIGEL COLLINS

PRYOR-BLACKMOORE
World Junior Welterweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Aaron Pryor took just three minutes and 47 seconds to destroy opponent Lennox Blackmoore's dream of taking his WBA junior welterweight title.

Pryor was devastating, and Blackmoore was completely devastated—almost from the opening bell.

Blackmoore, the number one contender from Guyana was no match for the awesome skills and dynamic power of the champion, who added victory number 28 to his unbeaten record, which includes 26 knockouts.

Pryor, 140, and Blackmoore, 139½, made no secret of their mutual hatred for each other in the days before the fight.

The anger added to Pryor's awesome attack, as he came out swinging at the opening bell, and immediately put Blackmoore down with a left hook. Blackmoore got to his feet, took a mandatory eight-count, and was staggered by another left hook. Holding on to the ropes, the hapless contender was then pummeled by Pryor with constant lefts and rights. He went down a second time, took another mandatory eight-count, and barely survived the round.

Pryor continued his relentless attack in the second, and sent Blackmoore to the canvas again with a lethal left hook. Blackmoore staggered to his feet, took another left hook, and was virtually out on his feet as referee Mills Lane stopped the bout.

The jubilant and victorious Pryor spoke kindly about his beaten opponent after the fight, saying: "I respect any fighter that goes in the ring with me. He gave it all he had, but I didn't feel any of his punches. I made sure I got to him before he got to me."

Despite his awesome record of 26 knockouts, Pryor continued: "I don't ever expect a knockout. I just fight constantly, never let up, and expect what comes."

Pryor is now trained by the venerable Dave Jacobs, former trainer of Sugar Ray Leonard. And Pryor stated: "My ego was on the line. I wanted to prove I could take the tough kind of training that Jacobs put me through. It paid off!"

Pryor added that he was "mad at the world" because no films of Blackmoore's fights were available, and he knew nothing of his opponent's fighting style. "That just made me work harder," he added.

Pryor plans now to move up to the welterweight division, and says he will take on all comers, including Roberto Duran.

Blackmoore was unavailable for comment as he smarted from the futility of his eight-month dream—and his 8,000 mile journey to Las Vegas.

Mark Holmes, 159½, younger brother of WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, scored a TKO in 0:38 of round one over Sal Saladin, 153, Denver. Holmes decked Saladin twice with rights before referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the scheduled eight-rounder.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, Mike Reid, 134, Georgetown, Guyana, stopped Jose Vasquez, 134, Los Angeles, at 2:21 of the sixth. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Daryl Jones, 118, Cincinnati, won a unanimous decision over Luis Cese, 119½, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: Charles Minker, 60-54; Lou Tabat: 60-54; Larry Clark: 59-55. Ferd Hernandez, referee.

Pat Jefferson, 140½, Washington, D.C., scored a TKO over Lalo Carrera 140¼, Los Angeles, at the end of the fourth. Carrera's corner asked that the fight be stopped to spare the fighter further punishment. Richard Green, referee.

Tom (Jingo) Moody, 146½, Columbus, Ohio, and Tim Harris, 149¼, Sacramento fought to a six-round draw in a fill-in fight. Ferd Hernandez, referee.

In the opening bout of the card, undefeated Lonnie Smith, 138, Denver, scored his sixth straight victory by stopping Bobby Krueger, 133, Tucson, after the first round in a scheduled six. Krouger, who was never in the fight, simply gave up at the end of the round. Richard Green, referee.

The Pryor-Blackmoore title card was the first of the major fight programs to be presented at the new Sports Arena of the Las Vegas Hacienda Hotel.

The card was promoted by Don King Productions, and televised by ABC.
(06-27-81)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

FLORIDA

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Sheraton Beach Hotel**—South American heavyweight prospect Luis Acosta hardly worked up a sweat disposing of Joe Louis Bailey, Miami, in 0:43 of the first. The handsome Luis, managed by Mike Dundee, scored with an overhand right, and the fight was over. It took the doctor five minutes to revive Bailey. Acosta is now 14-1-1.

Emilio Diaz, 135, recovered from a second round knockdown and kayoed Terry Jeff, 136, with a right in 2:12 of the third.

Raul Hernandez, 140, Cuba, won a unanimous decision over Eduardo Lugo, 142, Miami, four.

Japi DeHund, Miami, won unanimous decision over Freddie Graham, Miami, four rounds, middleweights.

Art Johnson, 143, Miami, outscored Dale Bendross, 145, Miami, four.

Perry Keller, 175, Miami, won by disqualification over Andy Holmes, 174, Miami. Referee Bernie Soto ruled Holmes out for unsportsmanlike conduct because Andy, who was wild with most of his punches, tried to bully and push Perry around the ring. After a few warnings, Holmes was sent back to his corner.

Bernie Soto has been a referee in Florida since 1965, when he retired from active competition due to a cataract. Soto fought some of the top middleweights of the 1950s, losing only three of 36 contests—to Tiger Jones, Willie Troy, and Rory Calhoun.

Promoters—Chris Dundee, Roger Pinckney, Tommy Torino.
(06-02-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall**—Bernardo Mercado, 207, Colombia, retained his Continental Americas heavyweight title by knocking out Gilberto Acuna, 200, Costa Rica, in 2:38 of the first round in a scheduled 12.

Mercado came out winging at the opening bell, and Acuna never had a chance. Referee Bill Conners stopped the bout after the second knockdown.

Isidoro Moreno, 143, Cuba, kayoed Willie Paul Gentry, 142, South Carolina, in 1:50 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Braulio Santiesteban, 133, Cuba, TKO'd David Lipon, 129, Homestead, at 1:59 of the second in a scheduled eight. Referee Eddie Echardt stopped the contest when Lipon was taking a severe beating.

Wilfredo Vasquez, 119, Puerto Rico, halted Rinaldo Roque, 118½, Cuba, at 1:15 of the second in their scheduled eight. Bernie Soto, referee. This was Wilfredo's ninth straight kayo win.

Eduardo Lugo, 136½, Cuba, stopped Frank Rodriguez, 131, Puerto Rico, at 0:40 of the sixth and final session.

Cirilo Morell, 134½, Dominican Republic, knocked out Dexter Smith, 136½, Homestead, with an overhand right in 0:53 of the second.

Raul Hernandez, 142, Cuba, won unanimous decision over Dal Benroso, 145, four. Benroso was down in the first.

Tuto Enterprises (Felix Zubala). A good action show.
(06-13-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Sheraton Beach Hotel**—Bill Medei, 159½, Miami, TKO'd Costello King, 155, Ft. Lauderdale, in the scheduled eight-round feature bout.

This was a close fight until the fourth, when Medei, a Miami favorite, took command. Midway through the round, King was hit with a low blow which took its effect. After a pounding, King surrendered in his corner between rounds. It goes as a kayo in five.

Buck Robinson, 147, Miami, TKO'd Jake Cooley, 146, Miami, at 0:58 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Japi Jahund, 154, Miami, TKO'd Dusty McKenzie, 158, Miami, at 1:10 of the second in their scheduled four.

Nester Ranger, 143, Miami, got off the floor in the first round to hammer out a split decision over Dale Bendross, 142, Miami, four.

Romeo Correro, 143, Cuba, outscored Billy Cunningham, 141, Miami, four.

Promoters—Roger Pinckney, Tommy Torino, Chris Dundee.
(06-16-81)

▲ **NORTH MIAMI BEACH—Victory Park Auditorium**—Lou Barsky turned what could have been called a disaster into a brilliant victory. About 10 days ago, Barsky, who was the matchmaker at West Palm Beach, had to call off his entire show when Jimmy Young cancelled out. Barsky felt bad, since the entire undercard had been ready to perform. So, he went right out and put the undercard to work as the entire program of a show at this arena. With some help from the press, the show became a profitable venture.

Bruce Johnson, 152, Orlando, won a split decision over Beaver Longmire, 150½, Ft. Lauderdale, in the 10-round main event. The two stood toe-to-toe and swapped vicious body shots from bell to bell. There was little to chose between them at the end, but Johnson's stronger finish made the difference. It was a war and the crowd loved it. Johnson, only 20, is now 12-1. He was 86-4 as an amateur. Longmire is 14-2 with 12 kayoes. He was 27-0 as an amateur—all via the kayo route.

Veteran Nat King, 157½, Miami, sprang an upset when he knocked out up-and-coming Mike Wilcox, 160, Miami, in 1:52 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Wilcox had been undefeated in eight bouts, with seven kayoes.

"Killer" Joe Golphin, 147½, Miami, outpointed Tony Green, 175, Miami, eight.

Cootis Burgess, 147½, Ft. Lauderdale, outscored Rocky Fabrizzo, 155½, Orlando, eight.

Reiner Hartmann, 215, West Germany, and Ervin Blye, 205, West Palm Beach, drew, four.

Attendance—500 (est.).
(06-22-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Sheraton Beach Hotel**—Turquo Roque, 147, Cuba, won a unanimous decision over Ike Hooks, 145, Philadelphia, eight.

Braulio Sansiesteban, 129, Cuba, halted Mel Robinson, 124, Homestead, at 0:40 of the third.

Japi Dehund, 156, Ft. Lauderdale, stopped Archie Cruz, 152, Miami, at 1:20 of the second.

Emelio Calvillo, 145, Cuba, won unanimous decision over Jesus Perez, 147, Colombia.

Dexter Smith, 140, Homestead, won unanimous decision over Emelio Diaz, 139, Cuba, in the four-round opener.

Promoter—Roger Pinckney, Tommy Torino, Chris Dundee.

Attendance—500 (est.).
(06-30-81)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲ **HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Center Arena**—Mark Ibanez, 139½, Waianae, knocked out Raul Bencomo, 139, Mexico, in 2:04 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round main event. Ibanez is now 16-1. Bill Pacheco, referee.

Manuel Mendoza, 140½, Kaneohe, won a unanimous decision over Philip Leonin, 141½, Waianae, six.

Randy Dudoit, 126½, Honolulu, won a unanimous decision over Miguel A. Rodriguez, 127¼, six.

Sonatane Fulilangi, 206½, Tonga (now fighting out of Honolulu), TKO'd Marcelluis (Pake) Dudoit, 193½, Honolulu, at 1:37 of the first round in a scheduled five-round affair. Three knockdowns did the trick.

Ely Malang, 108¼, Honolulu, and Frank Estrella, 104½, Honolulu, majority draw, three.

Terry (Sugar Ray) Turner, 146, Virginia (now fighting out of Honolulu), won a unanimous decision over Ben Apilado, 144½, Honolulu, three. This was Turner's pro debut. Apilado is now 0-3. He was stopped in his two other bouts.

Referees—Bill Pacheco, Manuel Tolentino.
Judges—Abraham Pacheco, Edward Higa.
Timekeepers—Ah-Chew Goo, Clarence Senarighi.
Physicians—Dr. Herbert Nam, Dr. Robert Maehara.
Attendance—2,949. Gross—$22,307.
(06-17-81)

▲ **HONOLULU—Blaisdell Center Arena**—Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez, 138½, Allentown, Pa., retained his USBA junior welterweight title with a fifth round TKO over Mark Ibanez, 140, Waianae. Referee Manuel Tolentino stopped the scheduled 12-rounder at 0:23 of the session.

Willie dominated Mark completely, scoring a knockdown in the fourth round which, for all intents and purposes, ended the bout and handed Ibanez his first K.O. defeat. Mark is now 16-2. Rodriguez just looked great.

Katsuhiro Okubo, 141¾, Japan (now fighting out of Los Angeles), TKO'd Simi Tavita, also 141¾, Waianae, at 1:09 of the second in a scheduled eight-round bout.

Randy Jackson, 126¾, Albany, Oregon, TKO'd Randy Dudoit, 126½, Honolulu, at 2:36 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Louis (Bozo) Martin, 160, Honolulu, won a split decision over Steve Heyer, 159½, Kailua, five.

Richard Villaver, 126¾, Honolulu, won a unanimous decision over Byron (Hap) Lyday, also 126¾, Philomath, Oregon, five. Villaver is now 1-1.

Sam Guillermo, 119½, Waipahu, kayoed Fred Estrella, 119¾, Honolulu, in 1:28 of the third frame in a scheduled four-rounder.

Referees—Manuel Tolentino, Abraham Pacheco.
Judges—Herbert Minn, Louis Race.
Timekeepers—Ah-Chew Goo, Clarence Senarighi.
Physicians—Dr. Herbert Nam, Dr. Robert Maehara.
Attendance—6,914. Gross—$66,081.
(06-23-81)

INDIANA

▲ **GARY—Roosevelt High School Gymnasium**—The Steel City's first professional boxing show in many years produced a small crowd and six bouts that turned out to be not-so-competitive. Possibly the last pro card here was when Gary native Tony Zale decisioned Leon Jackson on December 2, 1937.

William (Caveman) Lee, 162½, fighting out of Emanuel Steward's famed Kronk Boxing Team of Detroit, TKO'd gutsy Danny Martinez, 154½, San Antonio, at 1:25 of round four in the scheduled 10-round main event. Lee unleashed a torrid body attack on Martinez from the opening bell, mixing in solid shots to the head at opportune moments. The only knockdown came at the end, when Danny dropped down to one knee.

Jeff McCracken, 161, Los Angeles, TKO'd Rick Haynes, 159, Rockford, Illinois, at 2:57 of the first round in another scheduled 10-rounder. The forward moving McCracken dropped Haynes with a straight right for the stoppage.

Doug Voyles, 161, Houston, TKO'd Bill Doyle, 159½, Omaha, at 0:47 of the first.

Bruce Strauss, 154½, Omaha, TKO'd Nick Miller, 152½, Minneapolis, at 0:58 of round four. A typical Strauss show. Bruce was down once in each of the first two rounds, with Miller hitting the canvas twice in round three and once (for the finish) in the fourth.

Lionel Johnson, 131½, Detroit, TKO'd Dale Dickinson, 135, Peoria, Illinois, at 2:16 of the second.

Don Lee, 162, Gary, made his pro debut by knocking out Billy Evans, 164½, Rockford, in 1:21 of the first. Lee, a graduate of Roosevelt High School, got a rousing ovation when he was introduced by ring announcer Chuck Deggans.

Promoter—Steel City Promotions, Inc.
Matchmakers—Richard Christmas, Louis Drinkard.
Attendance—350 (est.). Gross—$7,000 (est.).
(06-13-81)

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—Atkinson Hotel**—John S. Appel and Richard Skinner presented their annual dinner-boxing show before a smaller than normal crowd for this event.

Sylvester Price, 128, Muncie, won a unanimous decision over much taller Paul Rutledge, 132, Akron, four. This was the best fight of the night. The two stood toe-to-toe throughout and the crowd rewarded both men with a good round of applause.

Billy Carr, 188, Indianapolis, kayoed Ken Johnson, 183, Omaha, in 1:15 of the initial round.

Don King, 155, Indianapolis, TKO'd Mark McCullough, 161, Columbus, at 2:00 of round two.

Ric Enis, 198½, Union City, Indiana, knocked out Tim Johnson, 183½, Columbus, in 1:00 of the first.

Tommy Stevenson, 206, Indianapolis, kayoed Phil Brown, 180, Columbus, in 0:34 of round one.

Mike Pollitt, 150, New Lisbon, Indiana, TKO'd Doug Richey, 152½, Columbus. Richey left the ring after the second round.

Attendance—350 (est.). Gross—$8,400 (est.).
(06-17-81)

GARY L. MERRITT

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—International Amphitheatre**—Veteran welterweight Jimmy Heair was brought to Chicago as a "test" for hometown hopeful Roosevelt Green, and when he left there was no doubt about Green's grade. He got an "A".

Green 23, overcame a damaged right hand and the rock-hard chin of Heair to pound out a unanimous and impressive 10-round decision. Heair, 28, of Memphis, took barrage after barrage from Green throughout the fight, but refused to go down even once.

Referee Nate Morgen scored it 48-44, Judge Harold Marovitz 50-43, and Judge Charles Brown 48-45—all for Green.

Green, now 13-1, had expected his toughest fight from Heair, but, for the first five rounds, it was simply target practice for the young Chicago welterweight. He used a stinging jab and straight right hand to punish Heair, and, in the third round, had him badly hurt. The Memphis veteran weathered that storm, as he would others throughout the 10-rounder.

In the fourth, Green, 147, bounced a right hand off Heair's head, and immediately started shaking it, in obvious pain. X-rays later showed the hand was not broken, but it did swell up and cause Green pain throughout the fight. Using basically his left jab and hook, Green fought the last six rounds virtually one-handed.

Heair, 146, saw his record fall to 104-18-2. He found it difficult to get inside, where his excellent body attack could be effective. When he did corner Green on the ropes, the young Chicagoan fought well inside, ripping uppercuts and left hooks to the body.

Heair, who has been in with some of the best, and went 10 rounds with Roberto Duran, had praise for Green. "The kid is an excellent boxer, with power in either hand."

The win left Promoter Ernie Terrell looking for bigger prey for

Green. He hopes to match him against a contender in the near future—possibly Pipino Cuevas.

Another impressive young Chicagoan continued his winning ways, when former amateur champion Wayne Lynum, 121, disposed of Wardell Williams, 125, at 2:50 of the third.

Lynum, now 6-0, knocked Williams down three times in that round before referee Al Preslinger stopped the contest. Williams, of Kansas City, saw his record dip to 16-9.

John Collins, 161, Chicago, raised his record to 10-0 with a second round knockout over William Hodge, 154, Columbus, Ohio. Alfonzo Ratliff of Chicago, 191, also moved to 10-0 with a second round kayo over Eddie Rocky, 177, Columbus. Veteran Chicagoan Henry Sims, 175, won a unanimous but unimpressive 10-round decision over Eddie Collins, 175, Meridian, Mississippi. Sims is now 10-3; Collins drops to 6-13.

The card was promoted by Ernie Terrell Productions.
(06-29-81)

AL BERNSTEIN

MASSACHUSETTS

▲ **BOSTON—Boston Garden**—Vinnie Curto, the East Boston middleweight who gained a great deal of recognition by running out of fight with Marvin Hagler a couple of years ago, is making a serious bid for top 10 rating. He headlined a live card that complemented the closed circuit telecast of the welter card from Houston. Curto outscored Ted (The Irish) Mann, Vineland, N.J., 10, by employing a keen left jab, good feints, and slick head movements.

Dornell Wigwall, Brockton, won a unanimous decision over Cornell Chavis, Hagler's former sparring partner, in an eight-round light heavyweight contest.

Dornell was knocked down again in the final round, but beat the count and won via decision.

Doug Sheerin, Scituate, knocked out Andy Reid, New York, with one punch in the second, welters.

Steve Hilyard, Brockton, TKO'd Allen Braswell, New York, in the fourth round, junior welters. Braswell did not answer the bell for the session. Like Duran, he pleaded stomach cramps.
(06-25-81)

MICHAEL COUTURE

▲ **SPRINGFIELD—Civic Center**—Muhammad Shabazz, 173, New Britain, Conn., TKO'd Matty Ross, 180, Lowell, Mass., in the sixth round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Miguel Sanchez, 157, Bridgeport, Conn., TKO'd Al Romano, also 157, North Adams, Mass., in the second frame of the eight-round semi-final.

Papo Figueroa, 147, Hartford, Conn., outscored Sammy Hailstock, 148, Bethlehem, Pa., six.

Steve Snow, 148, Holyoke, Mass., and Angel Ortiz, 143, Springfield, Mass., drew, six.

Four-rounders: Julio DeJesus, 124, Holyoke, outscored Jose Pepe Vasquez, also 124, Hartford. Jim Finn, 199, Holyoke, outscored Ed Collett, 204, Lowell. Glen Burnette, 145, Lynn, Mass., outpointed David Dizoglio, 142, Lowell. Jose Verdejo, 175, Springfield, outscored Junior Harrison, 170, Boston. Donald Johnson, 148, Brooklyn, and Mike Blythe, 152, South Boston, drew.

Lauro Boxing Club.
(06-27-81)

MINNESOTA

▲ **ST. PAUL—Civic Center**—Bob (Iceman) Coolidge, 160, Foley, Minn., knocked out Kenny Heflin, also 160, Louisville, Ky., with a hard left to the kidneys in 2:15 of the second in a scheduled 10. Coolidge is now 15-0 with 13 kayoes. Leroy Benson, referee.

The undercard would have made a good advertisement for No-Doz. Gary Holmgren, St. Paul, knocked out Darrell Green, Columbus, Ohio, in 2:55 of the fourth in a scheduled eight-round welterweight affair. George Reiter, Jr., referee. Brian Brunette, 152, St. Paul, outpointed Larry Ward, 157, Milwaukee, eight. Danny Nelson, referee. Brunette is still undefeated. Billy Bradley, 159, St. Paul, won a unanimous decision over Steve Wetzel, 160, Milwaukee, six. George Reiter, Jr., referee. Garland Tipton, 165, Louisville, and Joe Valle, 163, Fargo, N.D., drew, four, in the opener.

Timekeeper—Mike Thomas.
Knockdown Timer—Bob Andrich.
Physician—Dr. Leroy Fox.
Tom Brunette and Mike Hafner Productions.
Attendance—1,200. Gross—$14.500.
(06-10-81)

▲ **NOTES**—This reporter has been appointed to the Minnesota State Boxing Commission. Minnesota is one of the commissions most strongly opposed to "Tough Man Boxing." We would like to talk to other state commissions in regard to same. Please contact this writer.

DAVE BLOOMBERG

NEW JERSEY

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel and Casino**—The "Tomorrow's Champions" roadshow touched down in A.C. for an afternoon spot on NBC-TV. You could tell who was going to win before the first bell rang. All the Top Rank boys were billed in bold type on the poster; you had to squint to read the opponent's names. All the records and bios in the press kit featured the "chosen." Not a scrap of info on the losers.

In the only competitive rumble of the day, Davey Moore, New York City, rallied to TKO Kevin Rooney, Catskill, N.Y., at 1:18 of the seventh round.

Rooney, 148½, gave Moore all the fight he could handle. He ducked under many of Moore's flashing combinations and connected well with rights to the head. Davey was cut over the right eye in the second and forced to hold on in the third.

An upset seemed to be in the making when Moore landed a solid right in the seventh. Rooney sagged and Moore sprung to the attack, raining a flurry of punches at his stricken foe. A deep gash appeared over Kevin's left eye and referee Vincent Rainone jumped in and terminated what had been a fine contest.

"On my record, people will see a TKO and think I had my ass kicked," said a disappointed Rooney. "Anybody who saw the fight will know it was not that way at all. I'm not crying or anything. I just didn't see any justification for stopping it."

Many of those on hand agreed with Rooney. A lot of boos were heard when Rainone made his move. Kevin was hurt, however, and Moore, 148, was gunning hard and fast. A rematch would be the best way to settle the matter. That's if Moore and Top Rank want to risk facing a warm body again.

Moore stayed undefeated (7-0, four kayoes) and Rooney lost for the first time in 16 pro bouts.

Bernard Taylor, 126, Knoxville, Tenn., handled late sub Jose Pena, 125, Dominican Republic, like a baby for a third round TKO. The gifted Taylor was scheduled to fight tough veteran Gerald Hayes, but was fed Pena when Hayes fell out with—now get this—a rash.

Taylor is tall (5'7") and strong for a feather. He is now 8-0, with six early endings to his credit.

Lefty Johnny Bumphus, 141, Knoxville, continued his rise to fame with a knockout over Armando Ramirez, 145, Los Angeles, at 2:47 of the fourth round. Ramirez looked sturdy and was holding his own until a series of lefts from "Bump City" took his legs. It was the ninth win in a row for Bumphus.

Alex "Bronx Bull" Ramos, 161, decisioned game Mike Sacchetti, 156½, Fairmont, Virginia, over eight by scores of 6-2, 6-1-1, and 7-1.

Ramos spent a lot of time posing in his snazzy Yankee pinstripe trunks, but still found the energy to produce the better quality punching. Sacchetti flailed away with quick combos that did very little damage. Overall, Ramos' class and strength carried the day. The good looking winner seems to need a fire lit under his butt. He has a load of talent, but he's lazy.

Heavyweight Chris McDonald, 207, Brockton, Mass., stopped Steve Mormino, 201, St. Louis, Missouri, in a battle of pudgy white guys. The end came at 1:17 of the fourth after a lot of mauls, pushes, and cuffs. A real ho-hummer.

Rounding out the card was a deadly, boring heavyweight six that somehow found it's way onto national television. The nonstars were New Yorker Mitch "Blood" Green and the ever popular Melvin Epps.

Epps, 187, is a noted runner and that's just what he did—run like a thief. Green, 212, chased and won the points. This one was strickly an error—all run, no hits.

One has to wonder just how hungry these "Tomorrow's Champions" really are. Their entire careers are all laid out for them. Most of the opposition is spoon fed. It's a fine thing to build talent, and these guys have loads of that, but a little give-and-take wouldn't hurt, either. Just ask the fans who shelled out $20 and $25 to see them.

Referees—Rudy Battle and Vincent Rainone.
Judges—Harold Lederman and Richard F. Murry.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—1,000 (estimate).
(06-21-81)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Veteran heavyweight Jimmy Young took another step along the comeback trail with a unanimous 10-round decision over fellow Philadelphian Marvin Stinson in a bout that failed to excite, but proved that Young still knows his way around the squared circle.

Young, a relatively slim 219, still sported a roll of flab around his middle, as did the 208-pound Stinson. Neither man will ever be confused with Mike Weaver in the physique department. It should be mentioned, however, that Jimmy took the match on short notice when Randy (Tex) Cobb pulled out a week before the fight with an injured back.

Young opened with uncharacteristic aggression, flooring Stinson with a left hook to the temple in the first round. Stinson was hurt, but gamely hung on to survive the session.

The fireworks soon subsided and Young settled into his normal pattern of slick boxing and sporadic, yet effective, punching. He fought, perhaps, one minute of each round, spending much of his time on the ropes doing a decent imitation of Ali's rope-a-dope. He won with room to spare by scores of 8-2, 7-1-2, and 7-2-1.

All-in-all, it was a solid performance by Young, but then, Stinson was the perfect foil. He is slow and can't punch a lick. Against a live fighter, Young's bull-jive might not have been so effective.

Stinson, who suffered a bloody mouth and a slice over his left eye, shows the effects of earning a living as Larry Holmes' sparring partner. Although he has had but 17 pro bouts (12-2-3), he looks, and fights, like an old man.

How far Young's comeback will carry him is hard to say. At 31, he has little time left. He will probably be able to work his way back to a big payday, but a title shot seems remote at best. His record now stands at 27-10-2, with 10 knockouts.

Gifted prospect Bobby Joe Young, 143½, Steubenville, Ohio, scored a unanimous eight-round decision over Michael Herron, 144, Blackwood, N.J., in a brisk match that drew sustained applause at its conclusion.

Young, now 10-1, with nine kayoes, forced the action with a fine assortment of punches to the head and body. He rocked Herron on a number of occasions, but never came close to putting him away. Herron, who seems to fight all the toughies, gave it his usual game try, but was outpunched all the way.

Undefeated Myron Taylor, 124½, Phila., chased Trenton's Tim Daniels, 124¼, to tally a unanimous eight-round decision.

Southpaw Daniels fought a cute, running fight and often frustrated Taylor with his evasive tactics. It was not enough, however, to win many rounds. Taylor did most of the punching and most of the landing.

Taylor raised his log to 8-0, with six early endings. Daniels, who was cut over the right eye in the sixth, dropped to 6-10-1, two kayoes.

In a sickening mismatch, undefeated Anthony Fletcher, 135¼, Philadelphia, scored a TKO over washed up Sammy Goss, 133¼, at 2:23 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

It is past time that the veteran from Trenton hung up his gloves. Why the New Jersey commission sanctioned such a match is the question. It was a dangerous farce and a black eye for boxing.

Luis Rivera, 155, Blackwood, N.J., TKO'd Eric Vargas, 165, Camden, N.J., at 1:07 of the second. Rivera is tall for a middle and seems to have power.

In a bout that could only be billed as comic relief, Mike Sheeran, 159, Phila., kayoed Camden's Marvin Lee, 159½, at 1:48 of the first.

The show was televised over the PRISM cable.
Judges—Bill Carrozza and Milo Savage.
Referees—Frank Capcino and Tony Perez.
Promoter—Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.
Attendance—1,000 (capacity).
(06-30-81)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel Casino**—Unbeaten Don "Cobra" Curry, 1980 U.S. Olympic Trials Gold Medalist, showed why he is considered by many to be one of the top welterweight prospects in the country with a fifth round TKO over Brooklyn's Eddie Campbell in a scheduled eight.

Curry, 146, Ft. Worth, Texas, is a crisp puncher with quick hands and a solid defense. He dropped Campbell, 143¾, in the second and fifth rounds with clean rights to the head. Referee Paul Venti rescued Eddie shortly after his second trip to the boards, 1:40 into the fifth. It had been strictly one-way traffic.

Curry, who also won the 1980 Kenya Gold Cup as an amateur, now has six straight knockouts as a pro.

Stocky James Green, 157, Irvington, N.J., scored an upset of sorts, taking a unanimous eight-round decision over Mario Maldonado, 155¾, Vineland, New Jersey.

Maldonado, an on-and-off performer, had been on a good run of late and was being touted as a possible challenger for the USBA junior middleweight title. Green changed all that with a potent body attack that had Mario grimacing and holding for much of the last half of the fight.

Guy Kennedy, 159½, Bronx, N.Y., picked apart Steve Small, 158, Westport, Conn., for a TKO at 1:59 of the sixth. Small was never down, but he was never in the fight, either. Kennedy scored with stinging combinations and had Small's face badly marked at the end.

The best punch of the night was thrown by Herb Darity, 137½, Hartford, Conn., who iced Sean McGary, 140½, Phila., with a single right for a TKO at 1:40 of the first round. The punch nailed poor McGary flush on the chin and sent him crashing to the canvas. He bravely wobbled to his feet, but was prevented from continuing by referee Joe O'Neil. It was a wise move, as Sean was in a bad way.

Philly's Kevin Howard, 149, came out winging and didn't ease off until Felix Nance, 144, New London, Conn., was battered into a TKO defeat at 1:57 of the fourth. A right had decked Nance moments before he was ruled unfit to continue by referee O'Neil.

Howard recently lost a split call to ESPN welter champ Roger Stafford. The win over Nance puts him in line for a rematch later this month. Kevin is now 12-1-1, with seven kayoes.

Randy Coleman, 158, Phila., TKO'd favored Jimmy Brown, 160, Vineland, N.J., at 0:44 of the second. A pair of righthanded haymakers spilled Brown twice before he was stopped. A nice win for Coleman, who is usually on the other end of the stick.

Andre Cooper, 157, Blackwood, N.J., scored a flash knockdown in the last round to edge Philly's Robert Thomas, 151, in a four-round walkout bout. Lefty Thomas tried hard, but fell a bit short.

The card was carried over the ESPN-TV cable.
Judges—Harold Lederman and Milo Savage.
Referees—Paul Venti and Joe O'Neil.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—600 (estimate).
(07-02-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ **TOTOWA—Ice World**—Bobby "Chappie" Czyz, 158¾, Wanaque, N.J., won the New Jersey State Middleweight Title with a seventh-round stoppage against Reggie Amin Muhammad (formerly Reggie Jones), 159¾, Newark, N.J..

Czyz, the young slugger with fast hands and crushing power in both of them, stopped his more experienced foe when Muhammad could not answer the bell for round seven. A severe ankle injury suffered when he slipped in round five forced Amin Muhammad to abandon his boxer/counter-style and meet Czyz head to head. Czyz had been in the lead up until the time Muhammad suffered the injury. His record now moves to 13-0, including 10 stoppage wins.

In the semi-windups, Tony Braxton, 154¾, Camden, N.J., kayoed Carl Crowley, 153¼, Tipton, Iowa, with a left hook at 1:13 of the third round. Braxton is the ESPN Junior Middleweight champion, undefeated after 13 fights and moving up rapidly.

Diego Rosario, 123½, Paterson, N.J., kayoed Jose "Cheo" Ortiz, 126, New York City, at 2:44 of round five. Rosario, the New Jersey bantamweight champ, is now 9-0-1, including seven knockouts.

In the prelims, Tom Jancy, 153, Everett, Mass., won a four-round split-decision over Frankie DiPaolo, 160, Paterson, N.J.; Vito Maselli, 141, Elizabeth, N.J., kayoed Ray Nelson, 137½, Paterson, N.J., with a left hook at 2:26 of round two. Maselli, who is unbeaten in two fights, is a budding star at Totowa's Ice World; Andy Riccardi, 160, Cliffside Park, N.J., won a six-round decision over Rick Hamlisch, 160, Belleville, N.J., in a rematch; Powerfully-built James Green, 157¾, Irvington, N.J., stopped Billy Hill, 158, Baltimore, Md., at 2:44 of round three; and Mike Tinley, 158½, Camden, N.J., halted Ray Bostic, 157¼, Elizabeth, N.J., at 1:52 of round two.

It was another fine Dan Duva promotion, with coverage by the ESPN cable network. Handling the announcing chores for ESPN—Sal Marchiano and Randy Gordon. The judges were Paul Cavalier and Frank Burnett. The referees were Paul Venti and Larry Hazzard.
(06-18-81)

S.M. FELDMAN

NEW ORLEANS

▲ **NEW ORLEANS—Municipal Auditorium**—Jerry Celestine, 176½, New Orleans, scored a freak TKO over Ernie Barr, 175¾, the Bahamas, in 2:03 of the third round in a scheduled 10 when Barr suffered a pinched nerve in his back. Early in the round, Barr pulled away from a clinch, then grimaced, touched a glove to his spine, and sagged against the ropes in his own corner. Thinking Barr was hurt by a punch, Celestine attacked, whaling away with hooks and uppercuts for more than a minute. Barr could offer no resistance but, turtled behind his long arms, he stood up doggedly to the barrage and took some fierce shots before referee Lucien Joubert wisely stopped it.

It was the fifth straight kayo for Celestine, whose career has increased its momentum under the managership of Les Bonano. Fresh from a training stint in Michael Spinks' camp in Concord, N.Y. and currently rated as the number four light heavyweight by one boxing federation, Celestine, now 23-5, is eagerly looking ahead: "I want Saad Muhammad—that's my pot of gold, my rainbow, my long-range objective." In the more immediate future, Bonano hopes to get either Dwight Braxton or a rematch with James Scott, who decisioned his fighter in a bout Celestine accepted on short notice.

For the rangy 6'3" Barr, the loss was especially disappointing. The Bahamian light heavy and heavyweight champion had taken the fight to Celestine, using a busy left and a long right to back him up and bloody his mouth. When the end came, skeptical fans pelted the ring with debris, but Barr's injury was evidently legitimate. Lindsey Williams, Otis Guichet, and Mike Cusimano of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission exonerated Barr of any blame. "The man made an honest effort," Cusimano said. "He won the first two rounds. He could have gone down from one shot if he wanted to quit—why take all the punishment?" Barr's manager, Mike Dundee, concurred: "I've had Ernie for three years, and this has never happened before." Barr explained it this way: "Like I was paralyzed. Couldn't go up. Couldn't go down. I was locked in the corner by my back. Couldn't talk to the ref while Celestine was beating on me. Couldn't quit. Could only lean on the ropes and take it." He was helped from the ring under the bottom rope while in a prone position and then shouldered to the dressing room by Dundee and former champ Willie Pastrano. Barr's record fell to 22-7.

In the night's most exciting bout, Larry "Street Fighter" Rayford, 156, New Orleans, won a six-round split decision over Tyler Dupuy, 156, New Orleans. Each had previously defeated the other, and, in the free-swinging rubber match, both men were cut, Rayford's determined finish earned him the nod.

Other six-rounders: Tony Powell, 150, Harahan, looked sharp and remained unbeaten (6-0) in winning a unanimous verdict over tough sub Tony Franklin, 150, New Orleans. In the opener, Jerome Clouden, 167, Harahan, knocked out previously undefeated Holly Shaw, 160, St. Bernard, in round three.

A promising debut for new promoter Vic Miorana, this was the first live card in New Orleans in eight months.

Attendance—2,373. Gross—$18,459.
(07-08-81)

M.R. BATES

NEW YORK

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden**—Five "live" bouts supported the closed circuit telecast of the Leonard-Kalule card here.

Edwin Rosario, 129, San Juan, P.R., stretched his record to 17-0 (all kayoes) by knocking out Refugio Rojas, 128, Los Angeles, Calif., in 1:47 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Harold Valan, referee.

Marlon Starling, 148, Hartford, Conn., did not look good in his second local appearance. Juan Hidalgo, 147½, Santo Domingo, D.R., used enough spoiling tactics to evade the "Magic Man" through four full rounds. Starling TKO'd him at 0:42 of the fifth, when referee Larry Hazzard stopped the scheduled 10-round bout.

Hector (Macho) Camacho, 129, Spanish Harlem, won a shutout (all cards 8-0) unanimous decision over Marcial Santiago, 126, Bronx, eight. Camacho, a southpaw, is a tough hombre, and is becoming a crowd favorite in New York. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Alberto Mercado, 125, San Juan, P.R., won a shutout (all cards 4-0) unanimous decision over Jose Figueroa, 120, Brooklyn, four. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Pan American Games Bronze Medalist Jose Baret, 147½, New York, knocked out Trenton's Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 146, with a brutal left hook in 0:30 of the first round in the card closing contest. Larry Hazzard refereed the scheduled four, in which Mendez had to be carried out of the ring on a stretcher. So "out" was Mendez, and so hard the punch, that many in the crowd feared he was seriously injured. Such, thank God, was not the case.

Judges—Tony Castellano, Nick Gamboli.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(06-25-81)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ **TARRYTOWN—New Westchester Theatre**—A five-bout card preceded the closed circuit telecast of the welter card from Houston.

Doug DeWitt, 161, ran his record to 10-1 with a TKO over Lenny Villers, 157, at 1:17 of the eighth round. DeWitt had to overcome Villers' height advantage (6'2" to 5'10") and a deep cut under the left eye that Villers opened in the third round with a right uppercut.

A left-right to the body followed by a stinging left hook sent the tiring Villers down to one knee in the eighth. The bout continued for another 10 seconds before referee Joe Santarpia stepped in.

Former New York Golden Gloves champ Paul Devorce, 134½, was hard pressed by southpaw Jorge Vasquez in a rousing eight-rounder. Paul started quickly, landing well inside and driving Jorge to the ropes. Vasquez, however, became stronger as the bout progressed, and the last two rounds were battles, with both fighters scoring well with lefts and rights.

Devorce won by unanimous decision—5-2-1, 4-3-1, and 6-2. He's now 9-0.

Carlton Elijah Tillery, the Muhammad Ali look alike, won a unanimous decision over Kid Samson, Philly, in an eight-round heavyweight affair.

Abdul Haleem Muhammad, 163, knocked out sub Harry Frayer, 157, in 1:05 of the first.

Dennis Cruz, 132, kayoed Frank Mackey, 134½, in 1:53 of the second.

Momentum Enterprises.

Attendance—3,100.
(06-25-81)

DEAN COLEMAN

▲ **STATEN ISLAND—Paramount Theatre**—Nancy Sciacca put on a seven-bout "live" card in support of the Leonard-Kalule, etc., closed circuit telecast.

Al Styles, 155, Philadelphia, won a shutout (6-0 on all three cards) unanimous decision over Robert Thomas, 154, Philadelphia, in the six-round main event.

The other bouts were scheduled four-rounders. Frank Morganti, 141, Staten Island, TKO'd Gerald Clark, 139, Philly, at 1:29 of the first. Ramon Ortiz, 135½, New York, won unanimous decision over Eddie (Twist) Welcome, 135, Armonk, N.Y. Tyrone Jackson, 126, New York, TKO'd Roberto DeJesus, also 126, New York, at 1:33 of the second. Dennis Reilly, 207, Staten Island, knocked out Mike Murphy, 204, Troy, N.Y., in 2:15 of the first. Charles Taylor, 178½, Bronx, won a disputed verdict over Pedro Rivera, also 178½, Brooklyn. Johnny Barretto, 128, Brooklyn, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Herman Ingram, 124, Newark.

Attendance—250 (est.).
(06-25-81)

▲ **HAUPPAUGE, SUFFOLK—Colonie Hill**—Howard Davis, Jr., 137, Glen Cove, Nassau, New York, hit Larry Stanton, 138, Merrick, Nassau, with approximately one million punches in eight rounds before Stanton's chief second (and father) asked referee Billy Graham to halt proceedings.

Davis had won a split decision over Stanton in Orlando, Florida on May 13, 1978. This time, it was just no contest. Both judges gave all eight rounds to Davis, while ref Graham had it 7-0-1 (scoring the fifth session even). Davis found holes in Stanton's defense whenever he pleased—and wherever he looked.

Davis is now 15-1. Stanton is 30-10-2.

Charles Hecker, 161½, New York, TKO'd John Mollander, 160, Centereach, Suffolk, at 1:40 of the fourth round.

Todd Longmuir, 139, Wantagh, Nassau, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jake Reilly, 143, Troy, New York, six. Longmuir is now 8-0.

Michael Grant, 156, Philadelphia, halted Joe Martino, 161, New Hyde Park, New York, at 1:30 of the second. Charley Norkus, referee.

Tom Fitzgerald, 185, Westbury, Nassau, stopped Christian McCruden, 181, Rockport, New York, in 1:35 of the first session.
(06-26-81)

CHARLES D. BROWN

OHIO

▲ **COLUMBUS—Ohio State Fairgrounds**—Local favorite Michael (Solid Gold) Bradley, 142, won a unanimous decision over veteran Larry McCall, 149, Cleveland, eight.

Tom (Jingo) Moody, 145, Columbus, knocked out Sam Gervin, 149, Columbus, in 2:09 of the second in their scheduled eight rounder.

Johnny Myers, 143, Warren, TKO'd Chuck Spicer, 140, Cleveland in a scheduled six. Referee Tom Hampton stopped the contest at 2:43 of the second.

Kamal Hasan (AKA Lloyd Allen), 138, Cleveland, won a close decision over Tony Rutlege, 135, East Columbus, six.

Vic Wallace, 225, Whitehall, TKO'd Tracy Munnerlyn, 217, Columbus, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Referees—Tom Hampton, Ray Houpe, Larry Bentley.

Judges—Joe Jackson, Dan O'Malley, Frank Reda.

Promoters—Sam Lowenthal, Mike Ancona.

Attendance—1,105.

DAN O'MALLEY

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ **PHILADELPHIA—Martin Luther King Arena**—The ads for this one read: "Hey Brother, It's a Family Affair," and indeed it was. The card featured the Witherspoon Brothers (Timmy & Anthony) and the Shulers Brothers (James & Marvin). The only problem was that it looked like somebody's mother made the matches. All four heros were fed soft touches with predictable results.

"Terrible Timmy," as the older Witherspoon is called, is not terrible. In fact, he's a fine prospect, improving steadily. He was provided with very little in the way of competition from opponent Bob Jordan. The Norfolk, Virginia journeyman was rescued at 0:28 of the fourth round, following a nasty beating in the third.

Witherspoon, 205, sharpened his left jab over the first two rounds and then opened up in the third. He measured Jordan, 198, and nailed him with a hard right, setting up a two-handed flurry that left poor Bob out on his feet.

Jordan had to be helped back to his corner, obviously completely out of it. For some insane reason, Jordan was sent back for more. He fielded a few extra shots in the early moments of the fourth and referee Ozzie Sadler called an overdue halt. Witherspoon is now 10-0, with eight kayoes.

James Shuler, 161, Phila., remained unbeaten with a fourth round TKO over Willard (Pop) Nance, 160, Trenton, N.J., lifting his record to six straight, with five stoppages.

Nance was never down, but he was not permitted to come out for the fourth. He had soaked up some punishment and was slipping fast. Shuler is ready for bigger game.

The show marked the pro debuts of Anthony Witherspoon and Marty Shuler. Both showed good power and aggressive styles. It was hard to tell much more, as they bowled over their adversaries with ease.

Shuler, 155, mopped the ring with New Yorker Julian Monroe, also 155, scoring three knockdowns before it ended with a clean kayo at 1:49 of the second. Anthony Witherspoon, 175, pole-axed local rival Brian Morrison, 177, at 1:27 of the first. These quicky wins pleased the fans, but proved little.

Philly lefthander Gary Hinton, heretofore considered a decent prospect, struggled the entire eight rounds to decision chronic loser Wyatt Simkins, who came in as a late sub.

Hinton, 144, showed lots of flash, but little punching. Simkins, 135, Phila., hung in there, and that's about all you can say. A real yawn-provoker.

Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 160, Newark, N.J., decisioned local Steve Nailer, 155, over four hard-fought rounds in the only truely competitive match on the bill.

Referees—Rudy Battle and Ozzie Sadler.

Judges—Paul Harris and Carol Polis.

Promoter—Impact Promotions.

Attendance—2,000 (estimate).
(06-17-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

TEXAS

▲ **FORT WORTH**—John Morgan, 136¼, Texas, won a majority decision over Ken Saale, 137, Missouri, 10.

Donald Lee, 162½, Texas, kayoed Bill Doyle, 159½, Indiana, in 1:09 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Ed Martin, 131, Texas, TKO'd Pete DeVance, 130, Texas, at 1:00 of the second in their scheduled six.

Gene Hatcher, 140, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Ali Husson, 140½, Indiana, six.

Fred Dudley, 163, Texas, TKO'd Ed O'Ryan, 166, Kentucky, at 2:40 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Jay Strickland, 175, Texas, won a unanimous decision over George Goforth, 179, Missouri, six.

Willie Stogglin, 206, Texas, TKO'd Mark Manning, 199, Texas, at 2:02 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Lester Bedford, promoter.
(07-07-81)

▲ **SAN ANTONIO**—Juan (Johnny) Baca, 206, Arizona, TKO'd Leon Shaw, 223, Florida, at 1:52 of round nine in a scheduled 10.

Rosendo (Rocky) Ramon, 136, Texas, kayoed Ricardo Rodriguez, 131, Mexico, in 0:47 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10.

Leo Martinez, 126, Texas, knocked out Jose Salas, 123½, Mexico, in 2:05 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Louis Burke, 132, New Mexico, kayoed Abel Herrera, also 132, Mexico, in 2:23 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Jesus Ruiz, 152, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Flores, 159, Texas, four.

James Kirby, promoter.
(07-09-81)

▲ **LAREDO—Civic Center Arena**—Local favorite Jose (Gaby) Canizales, 117½, scored perhaps the most impressive win of his relatively young pro career by knocking out veteran Elias (Chapparro) DeLeon, 124, Reynosa, with only seconds remaining in promoter Jorge de la Garza's scheduled 10-round main event. The popular Canizales raised his record to 9-1 with a crushing right hand to the chin as DeLeon bounced off the ropes after receiving a left hook to the face.

Canizales is managed by Dr. Luis Mendoza and trained by Jose Cantu. Gaby appears to be a young man on the rise in the bantamweight division.

Victor Gordillo, Laredo, halted Ruben Puente in the third round of their scheduled 10-round lightweight battle.

After 13 years in the pro ranks, popular Mexican featherweight Tony Arranda has hung up the gloves. He went out on a winning note by winning a unanimous decision over Cisco Ruiz, eight. Both men are from Nuevo Laredo.

Ruben R. Santos stopped Juan Maria Ortega in the first round of the scheduled four-round opener.

Attendance—1,088.
(06-15-81)

C.A. JACKSON

▲ **FORT WORTH—Billy Bob's Texas**—Boxing has been seen in lots of places, but probably not in the likes of Billy Bob's, billed as the world's largest saloon and dance hall with a capacity of 6,000. It was a mixture of blues brothers and bruise brothers, music and mayhem, as NABF heavyweight champion Lynn Ball halted previously unbeaten Rocky Young at 2:13 of the ninth round.

Ball, the former Grambling University linebacker, appeared

to be settling for a points win over the rope-a-doping Young, but a sore ankle forced Lynn to speed up proceedings. Several flurries had left the Trinidad native helpless in a corner when referee Ron Walters stopped the bout. Ball is now 16-4. Young is 21-1. It was his first fight in this country.

Former Fort Worth amateur star Nick Wells TKO'd Billy Joe Thomas, Arkansas, at 2:28 of the third session, heavyweights. Nick's record is now 13-5.

Ed Martin, Fort Worth, won a unanimous decision over James Cleveland, Odessa, featherweights.

George Graham ran his pro log to 7-0 by outpointing Victor Rodriguez, San Antonio.

Gene Hatcher, Fort Worth, kayoed Clyde Spencer, McAllister, Ok., in the first to move his record to 3-0, junior welterweights.

Butch Smith, Fort Worth, outpointed Ezzard Charles Adams, Houston, eight rounds, lightweights.
(06-16-81)

RICHARD TONN

VIRGINIA

▲ **FALLS CHURCH**—Scott Farmer, 139, Manassas, Virginia, came off the deck in rounds two, three, and four to kayo Tim Ward, 145, Washington, D.C., in the fourth frame of the scheduled six-round main event.

Four-rounders: Lloyd Taylor, 145, outscored Darryl Martin, 148, Harrisburg. O.C. Harper, 135, Washington, D.C., outpointed Ken Corbitt, also 135, Harrisburg. Robert White, 178, Pittsburgh, kayoed George Coates, 177, Washington, D.C., in the third. Tony Nelson, 166, Braddock, Pa., TKO'd Ray Bryant, 164, Washington, D.C., in the second. Thomas Baker, Washington, D.C., outscored Tony Stern, 135, Harrisburg. Frank Payne, 178, made his pro debut by outpointing Jimmy Johnson, 180, Falls Church.

Referees—Joe Bunsa, Yaddy Checchini.
Judges—Charles, Reynolds, DeCola.
Timekeeper—Joe Gannon.
Physicians—Clinton Hoffler, Quan Nguyer.
Announcer—Darryl Hundley.
Promoter—Eugene R. Hughes.
Attendance—387. Gross—$3,736.
(06-27-81)

WASHINGTON

▲ **LONGVIEW—Cowlitz County Fairgrounds**—Northwest junior welterweight champ Steve Chase, 146½, won a unanimous decision over Sultan (Kid) Saladin, 150, in the 10-round main event. Chase is now 11-3-3.

Charles (Machine Gun) Carter, 161½, won a unanimous decision over Steve (Good News) Bentley, 160, six. This was Carter's pro debut. Bentley is now 6-5-1.

Rene Garcia, 135, made his pro debut by stopping Carlos Chavez, 135, Longview, at 0:53 of the third round. Chavez is now 1-4.

Don Don Edmiston, 205, Olympia made his debut with a convincing TKO over Jim Demakos, 220, Longview, at 1:48 of the second.

Women's Boxing Board bantamweight champion Shirley (Zebra Girl) Tucker, 118, Bakersfield, kayoed outclassed Susan Rubacaba, 119, in 1:30 of the second. Tucker, who appeared to carry Rubacaba in the first round, is now 15-0. Rubacaba is 4-1.

The card was sanctioned by the Washington State Athletic Commission. Del Smith, commissioner.

Referee—Pat McMurtry.
Judges—Tom McDonough, Frank Dignataro, Joe Macaluso.
Timekeeper—Frank Raymond.
Promoter—Fred McNalley.
Attendance—500. Gross—$4,200.
(06-20-81)

KATHERINE DUNN

CANADA

QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena**—Ralph Hollet, 159½, retained his Canadian middleweight title, stopping former champ Fernand Marcotte, Jr., 157¼, Quebec, who failed to come out for the ninth session.

It was a hard fought battle, and the champ did not waste many punches. He fought well at close range, and Marcotte began to wilt after the sixth. He was now flat footed, and the champ began to find the range with hard rights.

A little past the midway mark of the eighth canto, Hollet floored Marcotte with a right to the head. Marcotte was dropped again, but made it to his feet by "eight," which came after the bell. He was unable to come out for the next round.

Hollet, 28, looked very strong in defense of his title. Marcotte, 32, will find the going tough from here on in.

Mario Cusson, 142½, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Clint Harris, 141¼, Windsor, eight. The scores were 38-36, 38-36, and 38-35.

Six-rounders: Michel Lalonde, 139½, Hull, won a shutout unanimous decision over Billy Moreno, 138¾. Ghislain Deroy, 148, Quebec, stopped Jo Jo Jackson, 143¼, Winnipeg, in the second. (Jackson has been placed under permanent suspension by the Montreal Athletic Commission. He listed his age as 25, which would make him eight years old in 1964, when he had his first pro fight in New Glasgow.)

Four-rounders: Dave Martin, 147, Ontario, and Jean Paul Petrin, also 147, Quebec, drew. Donnie Poole, 147¼, Toronto, TKO'd Carl Morais, 148¼, Quebec, at 0:45 of the first. Dave Hilton, Jr., 144½, Montreal, won an unpopular unanimous decision over Denis Brisson, 142¾, Quebec. The official scores were 20-18, 19-18, and 19-18.

Fernand Marcotte and Carl Morais have both been suspended for 30 days by the Montreal Athletic Commission.
(06-14-81)

FRANK ALLNUTT

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Gerry Cooney (New York)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. John Tate (Tennessee)
5. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
6. James Tillis (Illinois)
7. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
8. Marty Monroe (California)
9. Stan Ward (California)
10. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. James Scott (New Jersey)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
5. Marvin Camel (Montana)
6. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
7. Dwight Braxton (Pennsylvania)
8. Bashiru Ali (California)
9. Yaqui Lopez (California)
10. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Wilford Scypion (New York)
1. Vito Antuofermo (New York)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. Robbie Epps (Nevada)
5. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. Vinnie Curto (Massachusettes)
8. Ernie Singletary (Pennsylvania)
9. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
10. William "Caveman" Lee (Michigan)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Nino Gonzalez (New Jersey)
2. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
3. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
4. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
5. Pete Ranzany (California)
6. Tyrone Rackley (Arizona)
7. Jerry Cheatham (Arizona)
8. Rocky Mosley (Nevada)
9. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
10. James Green (New Jersey)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Title Vacant
1. Randy Shields (California)
2. Adolfo Viruet (New Jersey)
3. Bruce Finch (Nevada)
4. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
5. Babs McCarthy (California)
6. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
7. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
8. Greg Stephens (California)
9. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
10. Davey Moore (New York)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Leroy Haley (Nevada)
1. Bruce Curry (Texas)
2. Monroe Brooks (California)
3. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
4. Sal Lopez (California)
5. Domingo Ayala (Puerto Rico)
6. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
7. Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
8. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
9. Termite Watkins (Texas)
10. Billy Costello (New York)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
2. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
3. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
4. Herman Montes (California)
5. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
6. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
7. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
8. Jorge Morales (Puerto Rico)
9. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
10. Frank Newton (Oklahoma)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Frankie Baltazar (California)
2. Bobby Chacon (California)
3. Rolando Navarette (Hawaii)
4. Johnny Sato (California)
5. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
6. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
7. Hector Cortez (California)
8. Tony Santana (New York)
9. James Martinez (Texas)
10. Kelvin Lampkin (Indiana)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Juan LaPorte (New York)
3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
4. Alberto Collazo (Pennsylvania)
5. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
6. Jose Caba (California)
7. Freddie Roach (Arizona)
8. Mark Davis (California)
9. Rocky Garcia (California)
10. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Carmelo Negron (New York)
2. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
3. Jaime Garza (California)
4. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)
5. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
6. Sergio Castro (California)
7. Richard Savala (California)
8. Jose Canizales (Texas)
9. Javier Flores (Utah)
10. Melvin Johnson (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
5. Richard Sandoval (California)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. Fred Jackson (Texas)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)
10. George Garcia (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
3. Felix Castillo (Texas)
4. Jose Torres (Arizona)
5. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
6. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
7. Javier Mendoza (California)
8. Alfonso Gonzales (California)
9. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
10. Steve Whetstone (Florida)

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **MEXICALI**—Javier (Changa) Marquez, 123, stopped Juan Escobar, 124, in three.
(05-01-81)

▲ **TIJUANA**—Felipe Urquiza, 135, knocked out Celso Limon, 136, in the seventh.
(05-25-81)

DURANGO

▲ **GOMEZ PALACIO**—Alfredo (Cachorro) Hernandez, 112, kayoed Antonio Marquez, 113, in the second. Martin Galvan, 125, halted Carlos Ramirez, 126, in two.
(05-29-81)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Antonio Rojas, 117, outpointed Manuel (Rata) Luna, also 117, 10. Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 137, TKO'd Chucho Ramirez, 136, in three. Roman Escalante, 111, stopped Alberto Garcia, 110, in one. Jose Luis Garrido, 116, and Abel Gonzalez, 119, drew, six. Salvador Cardenas, 125, outpointed Luis Rivera, 124, four.
(04-29-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Agustin Toral, 145, TKO'd Hector (Tito) Rosario, 146, Puerto Rico, in six. Diego Avila, 117, TKO'd Agustin Ahuatl, also 117, in seven. Jose Angel Jimenez, 124, TKO'd Juan Gomez, 125, in the first round. Hector Cortes, 125, TKO'd Salvador Sanchez, also 125, in two. Jose Luis Luna, 145, TKO'd Adrian Guzman in one.
(05-13-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Joaquin (Petrolero) Macias, 160, retained his Mexican middleweight crown by chilling Antonio Adame, 159, in the third round. Ladislao (Ruso) Mijangos, 176, TKO'd Hector Torres, 175, in four. Chucho Rodriguez, 124, outscored Neftali Ramirez, 125, eight. Ramon (Toluco) Lopez, 125, TKO'd Antonio Lopez, 126, in two. Javier Saldana, 118, outpointed Alejo Garcia, 117, four.
(05-16-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Carlos de la Paz, 113, TKO'd Fidel Martinez, also 113, in six. Juan Atilano, 117, TKO'd Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 118, in three. Miguel Landin, 141, kayoed Martin Garibo, 140, in the second. Gil Garcia, 146, outscored Mario Olmedo, 145, six. Ramon (Pollo) Gonzalez, 124, TKO'd Jose Reynoso, 125, in two.
(05-20-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Memo Vallejo, 121, TKO'd Artemio Ramirez, also 121, in one. Jose (Arana) Mendez, 134, TKO'd Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 136, in six. Jose Angel Jimenez, 126, TKO'd Nacho Rivera, 125, in three. Carmelo Bustos, 111, and Oscar Moreno, also 111, drew, six. Armando (Huracan) Lopez, 135, TKO'd Jaime Ramos, 136, in one.
(05-23-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Armando (Palitos) Perez, 117, iced Oscar Gomez, 118, in the first round. Manuel (Rata) Luna, 117, TKO'd Francisco Gonzalez, 118, in four. Jorge Mercado, 135, stiffened Armando Lopez, 134, in one. Abel Gonzalez, 119, TKO'd Fernando Dominguez, 117, in four. Reynaldo Garcia, 108, TKO'd Aniceto Hernandez, 107, in four.
(05-27-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Joaquin Acuna, 122, TKO'd Carlos Mendoza, 121, Panama, in nine. Javier (Memin) Barcenas, 135, outpointed Jose Luis Tapia, 134, 10. Antonio Gallegos, 117, halted Jose Franco, 118, in one. Abel Pacheco, 127, won by a disqualification over Pedro Vasquez, 125, in two. Damian Hernandez, 111, shaded Pedro Herrera, also 111, four.
(05-30-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rodolfo (Colorina) Ortega, 113, TKO'd Heriberto Saavedra, also 113, in seven. Jesus Becerra, 111, TKO'd Alfonso Rivera, 112, in two. Carlos Garcia, 107, halted Pedro Flores, 108, in four. Agustin Vicenteno, 134, and Hilario Escalante, also 134, drew, six. Leopoldo Portillo, 136, TKO'd Memo Torres, 135, in four.
(06-03-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez, 111, outscored Jorge de Jesus, 113, 10. Mauricio Aceves, 136, TKO'd Chucho Ramirez, 137, in two. Miguel Valderrama, 125, TKO'd Jose Luis Valente, 123, in four. Carlos Linares, 124, TKO'd Carlos Ramirez, 122, in two. Jose Felix Lugo, 117, TKO'd Guillermo Cazoli, 119, in two.
(06-06-81)

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Isidro (Chilango) Pacheco, 130, outscored Saul Meyran, 129, 10. Francisco Maya, 117, outpointed Miguel Polanco, 118, 10.
(05-15-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Jorge (Borrego) Martinez, 145, flattened Emilio (Cacha) Zamora, 142, in nine. Fernando Mendiolea, 135, knocked out Santiago Murga, 136, in the first.
(05-22-81)

MEXICAN RATINGS (AS OF JUNE 2, 1981)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Fernando Montes
1. Jorge (Martillo) Flores
2. Alfredo (Mongol) Ortiz
3. Aldo Montes
4. Jose (Laredo) Gonzalez
5. Guillermo (Memo) Vargas
6. Javier (Chabelo) Lopez
7. Azael Gutierrez
8. Juan Olvera

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
David (Maceton) Cabrera
1. Ladislao (Ruso) Mijangos
2. Elias Equihua
3. Julio Cruz
4. Rosario Gardner
5. Juan Ramon Campas
6. Manuel Vasquez
7. Roberto Cruz
8. Leno Fuentes

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Joaquin (Petrolero) Macias
1. Marcos Geraldo
2. Andres Ramirez
3. Antonio Adame
4. Jose Mireles
5. Ernesto Escalante
6. Jose Baquedano
7. Othon Guzman
8. Lalo Capetillo
9. Rafael Corona
10. Benito (Kid) Ibarra

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David (Lenteja) Madrid
1. Antonio Leyva
2. Adolfo Sanjeado
3. Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez
4. Abel Cordoba
5. Betillo Gutierrez
6. Gonzalo (Raton) Montes
7. Alberto Lopez
8. Adan Chavarria
9. Sergio Sanchez
10. Juan Elizondo

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez
1. Rafael Nunez
2. Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta
3. Benjamin (Benny) Abarca
4. Felipe Urquiza
5. Ramon Peraza
6. Cayetano Correa
7. Rodolfo Chavez
8. Vincente Saldivar Mijares
9. Raul (Zurdo) Molina
10. Othoniel Lopez

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Justo Garcia
1. Sixto Castillo
2. Joaquin Acuna
3. Gustavo Salgado
4. Juan Paredes
5. Guillermo (Lobo) Morales
6. Elpidio Infante
7. Roque Montoya
8. Cenobio Nicolas
9. Marcos Villasana
10. Luis (Puma) Fuentes

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Norberto Cabrera
1. Jorge Ramirez
2. Paulino Canche
3. Oscar (Negro) Bejinez
4. Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez
5. Francisco (Kiko) Bejinez
6. Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada
7. Antonio de la Paz
8. Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez
9. Javier Marquez
10. No Listing

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Gallegos
1. Gabriel Bernal
2. Juan (Monito) Diaz
3. Raul Valdez
4. Freddie Castillo
5. Jose (Pepillo) Herrera
6. Juan Herrera
7. Victor Salcedo
8. Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez
9. Luis (Pajarito) Aguilar
10. Baldomero Santos

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: German Torres
1. Lupe Madera
2. Arturo Tebaqui
3. Candido Tellez
4. Miguel (Pulgarcito) Leal
5. Amado (Pantera) Ursua
6. Javier Lucas
7. Luis Enrique Garcia
8. Rafael Guerra
9. Jorge Manuel Vera
10. Ricardo (Finito) Lopez

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Ciro Cayetano, 118, and Beto Perez, 119, drew, 10. Candelario Carmona, 121, outscored Julio Avendano, 120, 10.
(05-29-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Venancio Rosas, 109, TKO'd Rafael (Chato) Guerra, 108, in two. Humberto Guillen, 111, outpointed Margarito Chavez, also 111, 10.
(06-05-81)

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Angel Hernandez, 117, kayoed Enrique Romero, also 117, in the second. Rogelio (Chatito) Jauregui, 118, knocked out Gabriel Sanchez, 119, in the first.
(05-15-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 108, outpointed Arturo Mujica, 109, 10. Apolinar Alonso, 124, halted Tony Guevara, 124, in five.
(05-22-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Angel Hernandez, 118, outscored Lupe Acosta, also 118, 10. Wilibaldo Salazar, 124, knocked out Piro Soberanes, 125, in the first.
(05-29-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Felipe Garcia, 111, outpointed Rogelio (Chatito) Jauregui, 112, 10. Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 116, TKO'd David Fierro, 117, in six.
(06-05-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Juan Graciano, 136, outpointed Ramon Peraza, 135, 10. Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 114, won an unpopular decision over Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez, 116, 10.
(06-06-81)

MICHOACAN

▲ **URUAPAN**—Martin Gallegos, 124, demolished Antonio Sanchez, 126, in three.
(05-21-81)

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Cayetano Correa, 135, halted Jaime Zurita, also 135, in four. Roberto Molina, 136, TKO'd Jorge Castillo, 135, in four. Mike Avendano, 123, stiffened Jose Jimenez, 122, in two.
(05-15-81)

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Roque Guillen, 117, outscored Lalo Cuadros, 118, 10. Feliciano Lopez, 134, halted Rubicel Solar, 135, in six.
(05-22-81)

QUINTANA ROO

▲ **CHETUMAL**—Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta, 135, TKO'd Juan Carlos Alvarado, 136, in six. Daniel Herrera, 125, TKO'd Arturo Hernandez, also 125, in seven. Antonio (Chino) Benitez, 112, outpointed David Raygoza, 113, 10. Gaspar Pool, 109, outscored Luis Coral, 110, 10. Julio Cesar, 111, outpointed Alfredo Chale, 112, 10.
(05-14-81)

SINALOA

CULIACAN—Julio Cesar Chavez, 117, chilled Eddie Acosta, 116, in two. Rodolfo Chavez, 146, outscored Othoniel Lopez, 147, 10. Jose Luis Soberanes, 143, stopped Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 144, in one.
(05-08-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Juan Elizondo, 146, TKO'd Juan Ochoa, also 146, in five. Fernando Hernandez, 110, stopped Chano Muniz, 109, in one.
(05-15-81)

▲ **GUAMUCHIL**—Juan Antonio Lopez, 123, flattened Manuel Lara Meza, 125, in three.
(05-15-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Martin Torres, 117, TKO'd Rodolfo Flores, 118, in five. Osvaldo Martinez, 116, TKO'd Francisco Ramirez, 115, in six. Luis Hernandez, 111, outscored Pedro Moreno, also 111, 10.
(05-29-81)

▲ **MAZATLAN**—Juan Antonio Lopez, 121, halted Francisco Rodriguez, also 121, in five.
(05-29-81)

SONORA

▲ **HERMOSILLO**—Norberto Cabrera, 119, outpointed Paulino Canche, 117, 10.
(05-22-81)

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Baldo Gonzalez, 116, and Javier (Bobby) Dominguez, 117, drew, 10. Ernesto Escalante, 158, TKO'd Teo Dominguez, 159, in the 10th and final round. Ignacio Lopez, 135, kayoed Aurelio Rivera, 134, in one. Conrado Lopez, 126, halted Victor Montero, 125, in three. Eduardo Enriquez, 119, knocked out Melchor Cano, also 119, in three.
(05-22-81)

TABASCO

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA**—Freddie Castillo, 112, TKO'd Nestor William Obregon, 113, Nicaragua, in seven. Daniel Zaragoza, 119, outscored Jose Zapata, 117, 10. William Solis, 126, and Pablo Ramirez, 125, drew, 10. Panadero Ricalde, 126, TKO'd Zorrita Madera, 124, in six.
(05-15-81)

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA**—Saul Linares, 121, flattened Alberto Mendez, 123, in three. Roman Acosta, 108, and Victor (Guerrerito) Mendez, 109, drew, 10. Lupe Perez, 135, TKO'd Mucio Nava, 136, in three.
(05-29-81)

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **DIAZ ORDAZ**—Chucho de la Cruz, 123, stiffened Ruso Puente, 124, in two.
(5-22-81)

▲ **REYNOSA**—Jorge Torres, 131, chilled Artemio Palos, 130, in seven. Mario Gonzalez, 124, stopped Guadalupe Salinas, 125, in two.
(05-29-81)

▲ **NUEVO LAREDO**—Fernando Montes, 199, outpointed Alfredo (Mongol) Ortiz, 207, 12, to win the Mexican heavyweight title. Raul (Zurdo) Molina, 136, outscored Chamaco Medrano, 135, 10.
(05-29-81)

▲ **NUEVO LAREDO**—Manny Castillo, 125, knocked out Homero Gonzalez, 124, in the fourth round.
(06-05-81)

VERACRUZ

▲ **COLONIA DIAZ ORDAZ**—Tauro Cano, 125, halted Benny Arguelles, 126, in three. Felipe Rocha, 126, stopped Isidro Pacheco, 125, in three.
(06-05-81)

YUCATAN

▲ **MERICA**—Miguel Canto, 113, the former world flyweight champ, won an unpopular decision over Gabriel Bernal, 111, 10. Canto looks washed up. Lupe Madera, 109, TKO'd Pedro Galaviz, 113, in two. Jorge Manuel Vera, 112, outscored Luis (Pajarito) Aguilar, also 112, 10. Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 113, TKO'd Jose Gabriel Tzab, also 113, four. Wilbert Medina, 111, stopped Manuel Gonzalez, also 111, in four.
(06-06-81)

EDUARDO AMER G.

PUERTO RICO

▲ **SAN JUAN—Roberto Clemente Stadium**—WBC super bantamweight champion Wilfredo Gomez knocked out Raul Silva, Costa Rica, with a combination of lefts and rights to the head in 0:52 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round non-title affair. A hard right had dropped Silva to his knees at the close of the second session.

Manuel (Yuca) Jimenez, 150, won a split decision over Luis Resto, 147, 10. This was far from a close fight; Resto appeared to have a decided edge. Yuca started out like a house afire, but Resto bided his time and countered effectively against his slow footed opponent. Luis displayed good movements and sharp combos. Jimenez appeared a bit overweight, and the fans were not in accord with the decision.

Francisco Quiros, a local bantam, was awarded a very unpopular split decision over Dominican Ramon L. Perez in the evening's third 10-rounder. This was almost a duplication of the Jimenez-Resto bout. Perez was sharper, and displayed a fine left jab. Quiros was a crude aggressor who missed more often than he landed.
(06-20-81)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ **PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex**—David Noel, 155, Trinidad and Tobago, knocked out Renaldo Escalera, 155½, Puerto Rico, in 0:13 of the fourth frame in a scheduled 10-round bout. George Cumberbatch, referee.

Terrence Ali, 127, Guyana, halted Michael Drayton, 126½, the featherweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, in the scheduled 10-round supporting bout. Drayton was unable to answer the bell for the ninth round.

Steve Assoon, 135, Trinidad and Tobago, won a unanimous decision over Harold (Kid Chocolate) Bernard, also 135, Trinidad and Tobago, eight.

Four-rounders: Anthony Wanza, 129¼, Trinidad and Tobago, and Martin Julius, 130, Trinidad and Tobago, drew. Lee Assoon, 144, Trinidad and Tobago, outscored Preston (Kid) Carrington, 142, Guyana.
(05-29-81)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▲ **PANAMA CITY—Gimnasio Neco de la Guardia**—Victor Samudio, 123¾, knocked out Francisco Fernandez, 127½, in 1:15 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Rafael Williams, 132, TKO'd Marcos Vasquez, 132½, at 1:18 of the sixth and final round of their bout.

Four-rounders: Jose Spalding, 109½, won unanimous decision over Felipe Lam, 114. Jorge Montenegro, 156, and Felix Rivas, 154, drew. Carlos Harris, 118½, won by disqualification over Marcos Tunon, 120½. Alfredo Layne, 131¼, won by disqualification over Armando Quiroz, 132¼. Martin Barcenas, 108¾, and Carlos Orobio, 109, drew.

Promoter—Panaprom S.A.
(05-23-81)

▲ **COLON—Panama Al Brown Gymnasium**—Pedro Romero, 116¾, won a unanimous decision over Francisco Guzman, also 116¾, 10. Scoring: referee Servio T. Lay, 98-89; judge Cesar DeObaldia, 99-90; judge Carlos Quintero, 99-90.

Maximo Ballesteros, 121¾, knocked out Ernesto Arce, 125, in 0:31 of the second in a scheduled eight-round bout.

Antonio Mitre, 104, and Santos Ho, 108, drew, eight. Scoring: referee Luis Mendoza, 77-77; judge Ruben Aikman, 77-77; judge Cesar DeObaldia, 79-77, Mitre.

Cristobal Moreno, 121¼, won a majority decision over Emilio Aponte, 119¾, four. Scoring: referee Francisco Burac, 39-37; judge Ruben Aikman, 39-38; judge Victor Chavarria, 38-38.

Victor Cordoba, 155¾, and Felix Rivas, 155¼, drew, four. Scoring: referee Jose Campos, 40-39, Cordoba; judge Nicolas Alonzo, 39-38, Rivas; judge Carlos Quintero, 39-39.

Promoter—Empresa Palo Far.
(05-30-81)

RAQUEL M. TORRES

BELIZE

▲ **BELIZE CITY—Birds Isle**—Fitzroy Guissippi, 145, won the vacant Belizean welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Carlton Bowers, 147, 12. The scores were 119-115, 118-117, and 117-115.

Henry (Fats) Fever, 140, knocked out Belizean lightweight champion Leroy Hardiman, 135, in round two of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Morrington Anthony, 155, made his pro debut by winning a majority decision over Norman Potti Orsco, 153¼, four. The scores were 39-38, 39-38, and 38-38.

A. & W. Promotions.

(06-25-81)

▲ **NOTES**—Fitzroy Guissippi was stripped of his Central American & Caribbean Boxing Federation junior welterweight title for failure to defend. He won the crown more than two years ago, but many letters sent to Nicaragua, the Federation seat, suggesting suitable contenders were never answered.

The Belizean boxing fraternity suffered a great loss on July 2nd, when Herbert Miller, a member of the Belize Boxing Board of Control, lost his life in a road accident.

BARNEY MAHLER

EUROPE

NORWAY HAS SEEN THE LAST OF PROFESsional boxing. A vote of 54-24 has banned the sport, and those not taking the government's decision seriously could end up in prison for at least three months.

Norway took to boxing much later than its neighbors and it was not until 1909 that the first championships were held. Conrad Christensen was the man who brought the sport back from America and his son, Edgar, also know as Edgar Norman, fought with success in the twenties as a light heavyweight. Another early star was Johnny Espen, who was sparring partner to Fred Fulton and boxed in several foreign countries. Pete Sanstol did well in the bantamweight class, and Otto von Porat did well as a heavyweight. He knocked out Harry Persson to dominate Scandinavia in the thirties and had a good run in the States. Henry Tiller was an excellent amateur who turned professional for a couple of bouts during the war.

The Norwegians had the greatest of all obstacles to overcome in reviving professional boxing in Oslo. Boxing suffered terrific attacks from the press, and the game had been dead for 16 years when a group of sportsmen decided to revive it. Lief (Boggis) Hansen and Abders Haga were the standard bearers. Norway's only European champion was Svein Paulsen, who held the junior lightweight crown in 1974.

Two of West Germany's best amateurs, lightweight Rene Weller and middleweight Manfred Jassmann, have turned professional. Their manager is promoter Willi Sauerland (41), who will feature both on his next fixture in Cologne. Weller received a down payment of $50,000 with a three-year guarantee of $3,000 a month. Jassman collected $12,500 with a monthly guarantee of $1,250. Both were beaten in the recent European championships in Finland. Weller lost to Russian Rybakow and Jassman to Zygmund Gosiewki, Poland. Rene Weller, German champion since 1972, was a bronze medalist at the 1978 world championships and won a silver at the European Games in 1979. Weller has had over 300 amateur bouts and Jassmann nearly 200.

On a Berlin card during May, a referee bit the dust. Yugoslav, Nazif Biberovic, after being disqualified, struck German referee Michael Fischer with a right to the jaw, putting him to the canvas. The last a time a referee was kayoed here in Germany was in 1952, when Peter Mueller hit Max Pippow.

The Irish Boxing Federation is inquiring into the amazing defeat of 30-year-old Charlie Nash, who lost his European lightweight title to the unrated Italian, Joey Gibilisco. Heavy betting on the outsider, Gibilisco, has suggested that Nash could have been doped. The champion fought like a novice, walking into wild punches and taking more punishment than he had in all his previous fights put together.

Four brothers, Frank, Andre, Mike, and Uwe Wissenbach, all fighting on the same card in Berlin must have created some kind of record. Three won and Mike, making his professional debut, drew.

French heavyweight champion Lucien Rodriguez beat the Spanish champion, Felipe Rodriguez, who was disqualified after biting the Frenchman in the shoulder during round five.

Alain Lefol, France, won a final eliminator for the EBU junior lightweight title, outscoring Spaniard Ramon Garcia Marichal over 12. All officials scored in favor of Lefol. Referee Mike Jacobs (Great Britain) had it 117-113 and the judges scored 119-115 and 120-116.

61-year-old Theo Wittenbrink, president of

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE LATIN AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION (AS OF MAY 31, 1981)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Luis Acosta (Argentina)
1. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
2. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
3. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)
4. Ruben Zamora (Argentina)
5. Jorge Flores (Mexico)
6. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
7. Wendall Joseph (Trinidad)
8. Eddie Lopez (Mexico)
9. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)
10. Juan C. Sosa (Argentina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Miguel Cea (Chile)
2. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
3. Cesar Duarte (Argentina)
4. Carlos Flores (Uruguay)
5. Juan C. Fernandez (Argentina)
6. Abel Bailone (Argentina)
7. Ramon Cerrezuela (Argentina)
8. Carlos Mark (Trinidad)
9. David Cabrera (Mexico)
10. Oscar Rivadeneira (Peru)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
1. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
2. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
3. Antonio Montano (Curacao)
4. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
5. Ruben Pardo (Argentina)
6. Joaquin Macias (Mexico)
7. Sigfrido Colorado (Colombia)
8. Juan D. Roldan (Argentina)
9. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
10. Jose Baquedano (Mexico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Nelson Torres (Chile)
2. Segundo Murillo (Ecuador)
3. Carlos M. Herrera (Argentina)
4. Carlos Santos (Peru)
5. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
6. Miguel A. Castellini (Argentina)
7. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
8. Nicanor Camacho (Colombia)
9. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
10. Eddie Gazo (Nicaragua)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Wellington Wheatley (Ecuador)
1. Victor Nilo (Chile)
2. Fernando Rocco Castra (Peru)
3. Alfredo Lucaro (Argentina)
4. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
5. Inocencio de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)
6. Alberto Lopez (Mexico)
7. Pablo Baez (Dominican Rep.)
8. Eduardo (Tito) Yanni (Argentina)
9. Carlos Mejias (Colombia)
10. Rafael Piamonte (Colombia)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Felix Reyes (Dominican Republic)
2. Roberto Iluffi (Chile)
3. Miguel Montilla (Dominican Rep.)
4. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
5. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
6. Jose Salazar (Panama)
7. Juan Barbosa (Argentina)
8. Jesus Navas (Venezuela)
9. Alfredo Estrada (Peru)
10. Michael Pearsons (Trinidad)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. Oscar Huerta (Chile)
2. Orlando Romero (Peru)
3. Norberto Reyna (Argentina)
4. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
5. Ernesto Espana (Venezuela)
6. Vilomar Fernandez (Dominican Rep.)
7. Luis Beltran Rodriguez (Venezuela)
8. Jose L. Ramirez (Mexico)
9. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
10. Sebastian Mosqueira (Paraguay)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Carlos Lavalle (Peru)
2. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
3. Reynaldo Hidalgo (Panama)
4. Victor Echegaray (Argentina)
5. Leonel Hernandez (Venezuela)
6. Luis Bendezu (Peru)
7. Ezequiel (Cocoa) Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
8. Enrique Maxwell (Panama)
9. Victor Pacheco (Colombia)
10. Oscar Arnal (Venezuela)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Walter Gonzalez (Peru)
1. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Juan D. Malvarez (Argentina)
4. Mario Mirando (Colombia)
5. Carlos Pinango (Venezuela)
6. Raul Silva (Costa Rica)
7. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)
8. Armando Perez (Colombia)
9. Ruben Veliz (Venezuela)
10. Guillermo Morales (Mexico)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Juan Aranda (Chile)
2. Jose Jimenez (Ecuador)
3. Leo Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
4. Jesus Caicedo (Colombia)
5. Jose Loor (Ecuador)
6. Ricardo Cardona (Colombia)
7. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
8. Ulises Morales (Panama)
9. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
10. Feliz Rodriguez (Panama)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Segundo Toledo (Peru)
2. Benito Batilla (Chile)
3. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Carlos Bejarano (Nicaragua)
6. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
7. Jose Marvaez (Argentina)
8. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
9. Norberto Cabrera (Mexico)
10. Gardenio Ulloa (Chile)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Julio Soto Soloano (Dominican Rep.)
1. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
2. Rafael Pedroza (Panama)
3. Luis Ibanez (Peru)
4. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
5. Adelaido Galindo (Mexico)
6. Carlos Gutierrez (Venezuela)
7. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
8. Roberto Rubaldino (Mexico)
9. Celso Chavez (Panama)
10. Freddy Castillo (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jaime Miranda (Chile)
2. Elpidio de Paula (Dominican Rep.)
3. Luis Ibarra (Panama)
4. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
5. Betulio Gonzalez (Venezuela)
6. Miguel Canto (Mexico)
7. Miguel Iriarte (Panama)
8. Jovito Rengifo (Venezuela)
9. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
10. Julio Guerrero (Dominican Rep.)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alfonso Lopez (Panama)
1. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
2. Hector Rey Melendez (Dominican Rep.)
3. German Torres (Mexico)
4. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
5. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Rodolfo Rodriguez (Argentina)
7. Antonio Mery Maria (Dominican Rep.)
8. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
9. Luis Sierra (Venezuela)
10. Arturo Tebavi (Mexico)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (Great Britain)
1. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
6. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
7. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)
8. Bernd August (Germany)
9. Al Syben (Belgium)
10. George Butzbach (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
3. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Avenamar Peralta (Spain)
6. Dennis Andries (Belgium)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Karl Canwell (Great Britain)
9. Shaun Chalcraft (Great Britain)
10. Christian Cavina (Italy)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Alan Minter (Great Britain)
2. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
3. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
4. Adoni Amana (Spain)
5. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
6. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Jose Lozano (Spain)
9. Eddie Burke (Great Britain)
10. Eddie Smith (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Louis Acaries (France)
1. Maurice Hope (Great Britain)
2. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
3. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
4. Pat Thomas (Great Britain)
5. Dave (Boy) Green (Great Britain)
6. Luigi Michillo (Italy)
7. Steve Hopkin (Great Britain)
8. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
9. Eckhard Dagge (Germany)
10. George Warusfel (France)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Hans Hendrik Palm (Denmark)
3. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
4. Piere Angelo Piras (Italy)
5. Richard Rodriguez (France)
6. Roger Zenon (France)
7. Alois Carmeliet (Belgium)
8. Fred Coranson (France)
9. Salvatore Cascio (Italy)
10. Claude Lancastre (France)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
1. Jo Kimpuani (France)
2. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
3. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
4. Steve Early (Great Britain)
5. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Ken Buchanan (Great Britain)
8. Christian Gracia (France)
9. Andre Holyk (France)
10. Luciano Navarra (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
2. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
3. Francisco Leon (Spain)
4. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
5. George Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
7. Dave McCabe (Great Britain)
8. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
9. Dave Williams (Great Britain)
10. Winston Spencer (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
3. Carlos Miguel Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Aristid Pizzo (Italy)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
6. Roman Marichal (Spain)
7. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)
8. Natale Vezzoli (Italy)
9. Maurice Apeang (France)
10. Isido Cabeza (Spain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
3. Manuel Masso (Spain)
4. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
5. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Alfredo Mulas (Italy)
8. Michele Siracuse (Italy)
9. Marco Gallo (Italy)
10. Potito Di Muro (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Valerio Nati (Italy)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
3. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Gary Nickels (Great Britain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquin (Spain)
10. Giovanni Pasca (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Manuel Carrasco (Spain)
3. Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
4. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
5. Sabatino De Filippo (Italy)
6. Emilio Pireddu (Italy)
7. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
8. Dominique Piedeleu (Italy)
9. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
10. Franco Cherchi (Italy)

the Bundes Deutscher Berufsboxer (BDB), who wanted to stand down after 10 years in office, was voted in for another term.

Briton Alan Minter would have done better if he had stayed at home instead of going to Las Vegas to meet Mustafa Hamsho. An entertainment tax, the first of its kind in the state of Nevada to include boxers, took $30,000 of his purse. His defeat on points was on a split decision, and Minter thought he had been robbed. To crown it all, his wife's handbag, contents worth about $10,000, plus passports was left in the boot of a taxi cab on the arrival at the airport. Perhaps the American cabby will get in touch.

38-year-old Rudi Koopmans, Holland, the European light heavyweight champion, stopped American Bobby Howard in Rotterdam. Koopmans, boxing since 1972, was having his 39th professional bout losing only to WBA champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in November, 1980. He is the only Dutchman to have fought for a world title.

Two ex-world champions have announced their retirements. Briton John Conteh, light heavyweight, and Rocco Mattioli, Italy, junior middle. Mattioli, who won the WBC crown from German Eckhard Dagge in 1977 and lost it to Maurice Hope in 1980, lost a comeback bout to Clemente Tshinza, Zaire, in Milan recently and afterwards said he would not box again. Conteh's retirement was no surprise, for most of us knew he would not fight again.

Germans Rene Weller and Manfred Jassmann both made their professional debut on a Cologne card in June. Both won on points, but neither set the place on fire, and the 2,200 crowd left the venue not convinced that these two talented amateurs will save German boxing. Weller beat Italian Petito de Muro (26), a guy he beat in the amateur ranks in 1976, and Jassmann decisioned another Italian, Gabriele Lazzari.

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AUSTRIA

▲ **HOLLABRUNN**—Rosario Pacileo TKO'd Otto Zinoder, three, welterweights. Franz Dorfer knocked out Brahim Ferizovia, five, middles. Esoerno Postl TKO'd Sece Scheszek, six, junior middleweights.
(04-04-81)

▲ **OBERNDORF**—Josef Pachler TKO'd Guido Galletti, four, welters.
(04-11-81)

▲ **VIENNA**—Franz Dorfer kayoed Mike McCoy, two, middleweights. Helmu Owessle outscored Horst Lang, six, heavies.
(04-27-81)

BELGIUM

▲ **ROESELARE**—Salmin Bouteraa outscored Josef Kossmann, eight, light heavyweights. Hendryk Seys outpointed Eric Kopes, 10, light heavies.
(02-13-81)

▲ **ZELE**—Alois Carmeliet outpointed Donato Romano, eight, junior middles. Giovanni de Luca outscored Rudi Gauwe, six, heavyweights. Dave Williams TKO'd Biaggio Pierri, two, lightweights.
(02-14-81)

DENMARK

▲ **COPENHAGEN**—European welterweight champion Jorge Hansen, Denmark, retained his crown with a unanimous decision over Richard Rodriguez, France, 12.

British referee Harry Gibbs scored the contest 119-114, while the judges carded 119-114 and 119-113. Rodriguez boxed well, but was not aggressive enough to win.

Hans Hendrik Palm got off the boards in the first round to outscore Gary Pearce, Great Britain, eight, welters.

Australian southpaw Paul Ferreri won the vacant British Commonwealth bantamweight title by outpointing locally based Mike Irungu, Keyna, 15.

Torben Andersen, Denmark, outscored Vic Jackson, Great Britain, six, junior middles.

John Odhiambo, Uganda, halted Trevor Cattouse, Great Britain, in 1:27 of round two, light heavyweights.

Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, TKO'd Alec Tompkins, Great Britain, six, light heavies. The latter was cut over the left eye.

Mogens Palle, promoter.

Attendance—2,000.
(05-21-81)

FRANCE

▲ **BOULOGNE**—Alain Lefol, France, outpointed Ramon Garcia Marichal, Spain, 12, junior lightweights.
(05-22-81)

▲ **CALAIS**—Joey Mach, Great Britain, halted Michael Pagnani, France, in five rounds, middleweights.
(05-16-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Frank Winterstein, France, kayoed Mike Burton, Great Britain, in the fifth, junior middleweights.
(05-15-81)

▲ **PARIS**—European junior middleweight champion Louis Acaries, France, TKO'd Al Romano, U.S.A., five.
(05-21-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Jacques Chinon kayoed Celastin Kanynda in the ninth round, middleweights. Pierre Frank Winterstein, France, outpointed Earl Edwards, Great Britain, eight, light heavies. Dominque Deforme TKO'd Cyrille Barbe, five, middles.
(02-05-81)

▲ **CHATEAUNEUF SUR LOIRE**—Philippe Martin knocked out French bantamweight champion Jean Jacques Souris in the ninth.
(06-02-81)

GERMANY

▲ **RENGDORF**—Andre Wissenbach outpointed Klaus Hein, six rounds, junior middles. Jurgen Gries narrowly outscored Josef Kossmann, six, heavyweights. Herbert Ficks, making a comeback at 37, outpointed Hans Gimborn, four.
(06-06-81)

▲ **COLOGNE**—Manfred Jassman, Germany, outscored Gabriele Lazzari, Italy, six, junior welters. Rene Weller, Germany, oupointed Pepito di Muro, Italy, six, lightweights. German light heavyweight champion Uwe Meineke retained his crown, outscoring Horst Lange, 10.
(06-12-81)

▲ **COLOGNE**—Toni Habermeyer kayoed Klaus Jakobi in the first round, junior welters. Rudiger Bitterling outpointed Mauro Valentino, eight, middles. Charm Chiteule TKO'd Lloyd Allen, seven, junior lights. Chianda Mutti and Pablo Ramos, drew, 10.
(06-13-81)

ITALY

▲ **PAVIA**—Italian bantamweight champion Giuseppe Fossati retained his crown with an 11th round TKO over Giancarlo Ravaioli. Walter Giorgetti TKO'd Marco Catalano, six, featherweights.
(04-04-81)

▲ **PIACENZA**—Jean Pierre Coopman TKO'd Vincenzo Pesapane, three, heavyweights. Severino Picca TKO'd Vincente Di Bari, four, lights.
(04-04-81)

▲ **ROME**—Carlos Santos outscored Peter Neal, eight, junior middleweights. Gennaro Mauriello outpointed Mauro Galmozzi, six, light heavyweights.
(04-06-81)

▲ **CASERTA**—Bruno De Montis TKO'd Pellegrino Ventrone, 10, for the Italian lightweight title. Alfredo Raininger outpointed Josia Da Silva, eight, lightweights.

▲ **SASSUOLO**—Claudio Cassanelli outpointed Rinaldo Pellizzari, eight, heavyweights.
(04-10-81)

▲ **RIMINI**—Marcello Paciucci kayoed Drago Umicevic, one, light heavies. Juan Jose Giminez TKO'd Bechir Jelassy, six, junior welters.
(04-11-81)

▲ **PESARO**—Ali Kalambay TKO'd Damiano Lassandro, eight, middleweights. Nazario Mariooti and Mauro Da Cruz drew, eight, junior middles.
(04-17-81)

▲ **FIRENZE**—Francesco Gallo TKO'd Patricio Burini, five, junior welterweights. Gaetano Ardto kayoed Antonio Garcia, one, middles.
(04-17-81)

▲ **LUCCA**—Rosario Pacileo TKO'd Zora Folley, two, junior middleweights. Vitorio Conte outpointed Markele Mosino,

eight, welterweights.
(04-18-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Nello Jovino TKO'd Gerardo Scognamiglio, five, junior lightweights. Leo Gomez knocked out Vincenzo Di Bari, two, lights.
(04-18-81)

▲ **RIMINI**—Loris Stecca TKO'd Oshi Goichi, four, featherweights.
(04-17-81)

▲ **BRINISI**—Pasquale Mazza outscored Giancarlo Compiani, eight, junior lightweights. Cosimo Funto outpointed Paul Moyodi, eight, middles.
((04-17-81)

▲ **LIVORNO**—Bruno Simili outscored Carlo Frassinetti, eight, junior welters.
(04-17-81)

▲ **MODENA**—Lucio Cusma outpointed Rene Martin, eight, lightweights.
(04-20-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Eupremio Epifani outscored Antonio Antino, eight, junior welters. Nicola Cirelli kayoed Glen McEwan, two, middleweights. Nino La Rocca knocked out George Walker, two, junior middles.
(04-23-81)

▲ **MESTRE**—Sebastiano Sotgia TKO'd Vincenzo Maiolini, four, junior welterweights. Marzio Baseotto knocked out Mario Loreni, two, junior middles. Vito Mazzocchi TKO'd Scipione Colaianni, five, welters.
(04-24-81)

▲ **ROME**—Domenico Adinolfi outscored Pierre Kabassu, eight, heavyweights. Alfredo Raininger outpointed Franco Siddu, eight, junior lights.
(04-27-81)

▲ **GATTEO A MARE**—Rocky Mattioli TKO'd Steve Hopkin, nine, junior middles. Franco Canini outscored Marino Angeli, eight, lightweights. Loris Stecca TKO'd Antonio Antich, two, feathers.
(04-29-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Luigi Minchillo, Italy, outpointed Horace McKenzie, Great Britain, 10, junior middleweights.
(06-04-81)

▲ **ROME**—Marino Angeli and Cosimo Lavino drew, eight, junior lightweights. Valerio Nati retained his European bantamweight title by kayoing Vicente Rodriguez in the fifth.
(04-01-81)

▲ **MACIANISE**—Gabriele Di Stazio TKO'd Roy Dakin, five, junior lightweights. Raffaele Di Lernia outpointed Boro Iovic, eight, junior welters.
(04-04-81)

▲ **CAMPOBASSO**—Patrizio Oliva TKO'd Rosario Di Tommas, two, lightweights. Ciro DeLeva outscored Helenio Ferreira, six, flyweights.
(04-04-81)

▲ **NAPLES**—Patrizio Oliva outpointed Luigi Cucetti, eight, lightweights.

▲ **SAN REMO**—Tony Ayala halted Pat Hallacy in the fourth round, junior middles. Hallacy took standing counts in round three and was decked in the fourth frame before the third man called a halt. Alex Ramos scored his eighth straight win, outpointing Dan Long, eight.
(05-24-81)

▲ **CERVI**—European bantamweight champion Valerio Nati, Italy, retained his crown with a decision over John Feeney, Great Britain, 12. Feeney floored Nati with a beautiful left hook in round two. It was the first time in Valerio's career that he'd been floored.
(06-17-81)

NETHERLANDS

▲ **ROTTERDAM**—Maik Krol, Holland, won his seventh bout by stopping Darko Barakovi, Yugoslavia, heavyweights. The towel was thrown in during round three. Rudi Koopmans TKO'd Bobby Howard, U.S.A., in the eighth. Freddy Dekcesteker, Belgium, TKO'd Cor Eversteyn, Holland in the third. A cut eyebrow forced the stoppage.

SPAIN

▲ **ALCANTE**—Billy Waith, Great Britain, outscored former WBC junior welterweight champion Perico Fernandez, eight.
(05-16-81)

▲ **PONTEVEDRA**—French heavyweight champion Lucien Rodriguez beat Spanish champ Felipe Rodriguez. The latter was disqualified in the fifth round.

▲ **ZARAGOZA**—Billy Waith, Great Britain, and Dum Dum Pacheco drew, 10, junior middleweights.
(06-06-81)

▲ **NOTES**—Scoring for the Tony Sibson-Adoni Amana European middleweight title bout in Bilbao was as follows: referee Horn (France), 116-114; judge Pasini (Italy), 117-114; judge Leschot (Switzerland), 117-114. The decision was unanimous for Sibson.

YUGOSLAVIA

▲ **STIP**—Ace Rusevski won his third pro start, stopping Rocco Frasca, Italy, in the fourth session. Over 10,000 people attended to support the local southpaw.
(05-30-81)

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UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—In his first fight since winning the British heavyweight title, Gordon Ferris, Enniskillen, now living in Birmingham, 207¾, beat American Dwain Bonds, who retired at the end of round three with a cut over the left eye.

An inconclusive result, and the bout was over far too quickly for fans to judge just how good Ferris might have been against his first opponent from overseas. In fact, some spectators booed long and loudly. This was no reflection on Ferris, but the Bond's early retirement, although the American said he couldn't see because of the blood coming from the cut.

Bonds is more of a professional sparring partner than a professional boxer. His career figures were only 18 fights in seven years, of which he had won nine, lost eight and drawn one. Yet he had sparred with world champions Ken Norton, George Foreman, and John Tate.

In the opening round, Bonds revealed his know-how with a cool, almost lazy display of boxing, jabbing and hooking accurately with his left hand. Ferris seemed bemused, and, although not hurt, was being caught.

It was the same pattern in round two, with Ferris now beginning to show some aggression, and doing a bit of jabbing on his own account.

While we were still in the shaping-up process, Bonds was cut over the left eye just after the start of round three. This was the signal for Ferris to attack, and this he did with regularity until the end of the session.

Bonds went back to his corner, sat on his stool, and, after consultation with his cornermen, his retirement was announced.

Ferris wasn't too happy about his display, but said he was beginning to get into the fight, and that his corner mentors had told him he must work harder.

However, the experience will do him good, and he now knows what to expect as the opposition gets tougher.

Dave Green, Chatteris, who has fought for world titles at two different weights, celebrated his 28th birthday by beating American Danny Long, the bout being stopped in round four with Green well on top, and Long tiring fast.

In fact, it could have been stopped at the end of round three. Just before the bell, Green decked his man with a right to the jaw. According to the rules, the count continued, and Long was up, but only just, at nine.

The American had a large lump under the left eye, which was also bleeding, and the referee came over to his corner to examine the extent of the injury, deciding that the fight could continue. But Long had given all he had, and the subsequent stoppage was just a formality.

Green also had a bruise under the left eye, but it didn't bother him. He was far too strong for his game opponent, and wore him down, first of all with left jabs and hooks, then with following right hands that landed with monotonous regularity on Long's face.

It is true that Green himself took a few right hands, but he didn't seem to worry too much about defense, and the Britisher was in superb physical condition.

Green still hopes to make it as a light middleweight, and who's to say he won't.

Best fight of the night was between British light welter contender Steve Early, Birmingham, and Oscar Aparicio from El Salvador, now based in Italy. Early retired at the end of round six with a cut over the left eye and a cut lip.

The fans applauded vigorously as these two punched it out toe-to-toe with no let-up for round after round. Hard luck on Early, but this performance has added to his reputation.

Light middle: Nick Wilshire, Bristol, stopped Les Wint, Tottenham, in round four.

Feather: Jimmy Flint, Wapping, stopped American Alvin Fowler in round three.

Feather: Paul Huggings, Hastings, kayoed Ian Murray, Manchester, in round two.

Sid Smith, Forest Hill, stopped Chris Sanigar, Bristol, in round four to win the Southern Area light welterweight title.

Over 70 rounds of boxing had been scheduled, but none of the seven bouts went the distance, ending in a total of less than 26 rounds. Anyone who can come up with a solution for eye injuries is in line for a fortune.
(06-02-81)

▲ **LEEDS—Irish Centre**—Liam Coleman, Leeds, 173¾, outpointed Greg Evans, Liverpool, 174, over eight by 79-78. Coleman looked good in the early stages, and was in front at the end of four rounds.

Then Liam was cut on the left cheek, and the eye was completely shut at the close. Evans was warned for hitting with the inside of the gloves, and the action got a bit frantic in the closing stages.

Evans did well considering he had not boxed this year.

Steve Gee, Birmingham, 201½, narrowly outscored Theo Joseph, Huddersfield, 202, by 79½ over eight. Gee was the busier, but tried towards the close.

Lian Boustead, Torquay, 142, beat Jimmy Woods, Wakefield, 144, the referee intervening in round four after Woods had been decked twice.

Craig Walsh, Bradford, 132¼, didn't lose a round outpointing Winston Ho-Shing, Sheffield, 133, over six by 60-58.

Steve Coleman, Manchester, 158, was cut over the right eye, but still stopped Wayne McLoughlin, 159, the bout being halted in round five with the latter under pressure.
(04-28-81)

▲ **BURSLEM—Adulte Ballroom**—Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 136, defeated Doug Hill, Burslem, 134, who retired at the end of round five with a nose injury. He had been down twice.

Cliff Storey, 116, outpointed Steve Reilly, Newport, 112, over

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. John L. Gardner (England)
2. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
3. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
4. Neville Meade (England)
5. Billy Aird (England)
6. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
7. Steve Aczel (Australia)
8. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
9. Stan McDermott (England)
10. Ken Lagusta (Canada)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Bunny Johnson (England)
5. Gary Summerhays (Canada)
6. Tony Mundine (Australia)
7. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
8. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
9. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
10. Roddy McDonald (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (St. Kitts)
4. Eddie Melo (Canada)
5. Wally Carr (Australia)
6. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
7. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
8. Eddie Smith (England)
9. Mack Truck (Canada)
10. Glenn McEwan (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Rocky Mattioli (Australia)
3. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
4. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
5. Herol Graham (England)
6. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
7. Dave (Boy) Green (England)
8. Steve Dennis (Australia)
9. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
10. Steve Hopkin (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Frank Ropis (Australia)
3. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
4. Mark Harris (Guyana)
5. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
6. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
7. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
8. Lachie Austin (Australia)
9. Dave Barago (Australia)
10. Reggie Ford (Guyana)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Steve Early (England)
4. Des Morrison (England)
5. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
6. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
7. Ken Buchanan (Scotland)
8. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
9. Sid Smith (England)
10. Chris Sanigar (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Jim Watt (Scotland)
2. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
3. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
4. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
5. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
6. Ray Cattouse (England)
7. John Summerhays (Canada)
8. Nick Furlano (Canada)
9. George Feeney (England)
10. Dave McCabe (Scotland)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Guyana)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Jimmy Flint (England)
3. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Leonard Pinnock (Canada)
7. Thomas Gourley (Canada)
8. Vernon Penprase (England)
9. Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
10. Tiger Mann (Papua)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Gary Nickels (England)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Young Ali (Nigeria)
8. Jimmy Bowen (Australia)
9. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
10. Charlie Brown (Australia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
4. Pedro Solo (Australia)
5. John Hipwell (Australia)
6. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
7. Dave George (Wales)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Sam Eme (Nigeria)
10. Attah Yeboah (Ghana)

John Aba (Papua, New Guinea) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda), Kazeem Armah (Nigeria), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (Australia).

six by the narrow margin of 59-58½. Storey rallied well after being down twice.

Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 131, outscored Dave Smithson, Croydon, 133, over six by 59½-58.
(04-29-81)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Stadium—**Alan Lamb, Lancaster, 139, won the Central Area lightweight title by outscoring Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 139, over 10 by 99-96½.

Lamb seemed to be coasting along to a comfortable victory when, in round four, he was cut over the left eye after a close-quarter exchange. Carroll was subsequently warned for misuse of the head, but proceeded to gain in confidence with Lamb obviously handicapped.

However, the injury was kept in check, and Lamb was soon outpointing his man. Carroll was down in round nine from a good body punch, and Alan finished the fight well in control.

Appreciative fans threw in nobbins.

Pipers played Eddie Burke, Glasgow, 160, into the ring, and he proceeded to knock out Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 162, in round three with a right hand.

Tony Sinnott, Speke, 149½, made it six in a row by beating Pat Smythe, Gainsborough, 152, the referee intervening in round three with Smythe taking punishment on the ropes.

Brain Snagg, Liverpool, 136, beat Jimmy Bunclark, Netherton, 135, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round. An exciting contest that brought considerable nobbins.

Snagg was down without a count in round two and cut over the left eye in the same session. Snagg was again decked in round six, and they both tumbled to the canvas in the final session.

Bunclark was underneath, and looked dazed when he rose, having banged his head. The referee immediately intervened.

George Schofield, Liverpool, 139, atoned for a previous defeat by outpointing Eric Wood, Doncaster, 139, by the narrow margin of 78½-78 over eight. Wood was down in round five, and the difference between them seemed wider than the scoreline suggests.

John Wiggins, Nottingha, 144½, shrugged off handicaps in height and reach to easily outscore Ricky Grant, Liverpool, 149, by 59½-57½ over six. Grant was down in round four.

In a duel of debutants, Tommy Cannon, Glasgow, 134, outpointed Phil Ellis, Liverpool, 136, over four by 40-39, not losing a round.
(04-30-81)

▲ **GLASGOW—Morley's Night Spot—**Scotland has produced a new welterweight puncher in Alan Mann, Lochaber, 147, who kayoed Archie Salmon, Ardeer, 147, in round one with a left to the jaw.

Mann was taking part in only his second pro fight, having also won his debut by a one-round knockout.

Terry McKeown, Barrhead, 127½, put a spanner in the wheel by defeating the hitherto unbeaten Ritchie Foster, Dublin, 128½. The bout was stopped in round five with Foster still on his feet, but taking punishment.

The 18-year-old Foster seemed to be ready to add to his list of victories at the halfway stage, but McKeown took everything his opponent threw and came right back to outgame his man.

Eddie Glencross, Glasgow, 113, is doing well in his comeback, and outpointed George Bailey, Bradford, 116, over eight by 79-77½.

Debutant Brian Hyslop Glasgow, 127, defeated Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 128, the referee intervening in round five after Gaynor had been down three times.

Gary Jones, Stirling, 117, didn't lose a round outpointing Johjo Green, Manchester, 117, by 40-38½ over four.
(05-04-81)

▲ **DUBLIN—Dalymount Park—**This was Charlie Nash's 30th birthday, but there was to be no celebration. Instead, Charlie lost his European lightweight title to underdog Joey Gibilisco, Italy, 130½, who kayoed him in round six.

Nash, Derry, 134½, showed nothing like his usual form, and was caught by hooks and swings that he would have normally avoided with ease. His future is now in doubt. At 30 years of age, he may decide to retire, but will not be making an immediate decision. However, there seems no incentive for him to continue.

There was an emotional scene when Gibilisco, instead of showing delight at his sensational victory, stood weeping in the ring, thinking that Nash had been seriously hurt.

Only after Nash had been able to leave the ring unaided did Gibilisco allow himself to relax. The Irishman was taken to Jervis Street hospital and was detained overnight. He had several facial cuts, including one on the right eyebrow that looked serious.

Nash took standing counts in rounds two and four, was down in round six and the final punch put him flat on his back with his head resting on the bottom rope.

New champion Gibilisco started his boxing in Australia in 1974, and at one time was included in the Commonwealth Ratings. In 1978, he went back to Italy, but has been boxing infrequently and peviously had only 27 bouts, of which he had won 19. He was not expected to prove anything more than a good workout for Nash.

That's how it looked in the opening session, when Nash jabbed and moved purposefully, showing no pretense of boxing or defensive action, Gibilisco threw punches from both hands, mostly from way out, and, surprisingly, Nash didn't seem to see them coming.

The fans gasped as the Italian's swings landed time after time, and his nose bled. Referee Franz Marti from Switzerland gave the Irishman a standing count, but Gibilsco continued his assaults, and his left hooks and swings, particularly, caught Nash with monotonous regularity in round three.

Charlie was now cut over the right eye, and the bout was stopped while the referee called the doctor into the ring to examine the extent of the injury. After a lengthy discussion, which served to get Nash some respite and enable his corner to treat the injury, the referee decided to allow the bout to continue.

In round four, the pattern was the same. Gibilisco was landing almost at will, and there were cuts on the eye and mouth, and his nose bled. Then a left swing sent his gumshield to the canvas and another standing count was ordered. Yet he survived the round, and was actually jabbing back at the bell. This brought roars of encouragement from the fans, which continued in the following session.

Gibilisco appeared to be taking a breather, or maybe he was tiring from his own exertions. The fact remained that Nash was able to get his southpaw right lead working again. He needed a miracle to get himself in a position to win, but miracles have happened.

Round six, Nash was warned for a punch that strayed low, and Gibilisco was warned for hitting with the inside of the glove. This would have been laughable if it hadn't been so tragic.

So Joey closed his glove and a hefty left hook put Nash down. He rose, unsteadily, at seven, but looked in bad shape. The bout could conceivably have been stopped at that stage, but was allowed to continue, and Gibilisco was able to get in two more punches, a left and then a final right that stretched Nash out with his neck on the bottom rope.

The count was a formality. Nash cornermen then hurled themselves into the ring to minister to the unconscious boxer.

Charlie's career is a matter of record. Success in winning the British, then the European, title, first Irishman to win European crown for 20 years, and this was only his third professional defeat.

A disappointing crowd, estimated at 2,000, turned up to watch this contest in a stadium that holds 40,000. Maybe those who stayed away knew something, or else had considered a Nash win as a formality, which on paper it should have been.

Charlie's wife recently gave birth to their third child, and it would seem a logical move for him to gracefully retire. He has made a fine contribution to the sport, and will be remembered for it. But it is understood that he may decide to continue.

Debutant Barney McGuigan, Monaghan, beat Selvin Bell, Manchester, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been punched halfway out of the ring for a count of five. No weights were announced.

Having his first fight in 15 months, Tommy Davitt, Meath, 149, outpointed Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148½ by 80-78 over eight, not losing a round.

Bailey was cut by the left eye in round seven, and Davitt cut on the nose in the final session.

Flyweight Jimmy Carson, Belfast, outscored George Bailey, Bradford, over eight by 79½-77½. No weights were announced.

Trevor Kerr, Fivemiletown, 170, didn't lose a round outscoring Jerry Golden, 171, over eight by 80-78.

Walter Clayton, Sheffield, beat Ray Heaney, Lurgan, the referee intervening in round three with Heaney shipping punishment. No weights were announced.
(05-10-81)

▲ **SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club—**Mike Mills, Southend, 150½, outscored Welsh welter champ Horace McKenzie, 150, by 79-78 over eight.

Both had eye injuries, Mills needing four stitches. It was a fine bout to watch, with substitute McKenzie starting well, but having to give ground as Mills brought his heavy artillery into action.

In round four, McKenzie was down from a right uppercut, yet he came back in the following session to put Mills on the canvas with a left hand.

It was a toe-to-toe stuff until the end, with Mills the more accurate.

Peter Simon, Balham, 162½, didn't lose a round outscoring Paddy Ryan, Dagenham, 163, over six by 60-58½.

Dave Smithson, Croydon, 136½, was another who didn't lose a round, outpointing George White, Catford, 138, by 60-58 over six.

And to complete the treble, Dave Finigan, Walworth, 144, didn't lose a round in gaining a points win of 60-57½ over Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 147 six.
(05-05-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**A draw was a popular result after Julian Boustead, Torquay, 144, and Gary Petty, Hull, 148, had battled out eight exiting rounds that brought considerable nobbins from the patrons.

Pat Docherty, Croydon, 122½, didn't lose a round outpointing Gordon Haigh, 122, over six by 60-58½.
(05-08-81)

▲ **SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club—**Lloyd Hibbert, Birmingham, 147½, made it 12 in a row by beating Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 148½, the referee intervening in round seven when Varden was taking punishment.

Hibbert started as he meant to go on, revealing plenty of aggression and being first to the punch. Varden was marked around the left eye in round three, and fighting a losing battle as the bout proceeded.

Achille Mitchell, 151, didn't lose a round outpointing John Kennedy, Draycott, 147½, over eight by 80-70. Little in it until after four rounds, when Mitchell completely took over.

Danny Lawford, Manchester, 117½, outscored Roy Skeldon, 176, by 79-77½ over eight.

Dominic Bergonzi, Battersea, 146, beat Ian Murray, Birmingham, the bout being stopped at the request of his corner with just 10 seconds remaining in their scheduled eight-rounder. Official reason—a cut over Murray's left eye, but Bergonzi was miles ahead on points.

P.J. Davitt, Dublin, 148, outpointed Gary Buckle, Wednesbury, 149, over six. Scoreline 60-59, which means Davitt didn't lose a round.
(05-06-81)

▲ **CHESTERFIELD—Aquarius Night Club—**Walter Clayton, Sheffield, 142, beat Martin Bolton, 140, the referee intervening in round two after Bolton had been down twice.

Another two-rounds winner was Brian Anderson, 163, who defeated Harry Watson, Workshop, 162, the bout being stopped with Watson taking punishment. He was still on his feet, but the verdict was a correct one.

Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 192, beat Gordon Charlesworth (formerly Don Charles), Streatham, 203, the referee halting matters in round five when Gordon had been cut by the left eye. A good scrap while it lasted, and the fans showed their appreciation.

The 18-year-old Glen Crump, Sheffield, 152, made his pro debut by outpointing Dave Dunn, Rosendale, 150, overcoming a cut by the left eye and not losing one of the six rounds. Scoreline: 60-57½.

Carl Cleasby, Pudsey, 120, also didn't lose a round in outscoring Tony Manson, Gainsborough, 119, by 60-57½ over six.
(05-06-81)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**Two unbeaten records were at stake when Phil Duckworth, Leeds, 147½, met Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 145, the bout ending prematurely in round four when McCallum was cut on the left eyebrow.

The referee intervened, and the injury required eight stitches. Anybody's fight when the closure came.

Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 140, beat Robert Wakefield, 140, the contest being stopped in round three after the latter had been decked three times.

In the throes of a comeback, Mal Kirk, Manchester, 177, outscored Dave Turner, Warrington, 178, not losing one of the six rounds. Scoreline: 60-57½.
(05-11-81)

▲ **LONDON—Angelo-American Sporting Club—**Trevor Cattouse, brother of lightweight champion Ray Cattouse, 177½, narrowly outpointed substitute Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 176, over eight by 78½-78.

The patrons loved this one, and threw in generous nobbins afterwards. Understandably, Hylton tired in the later stages, and but for that could well have won.

As it was, Cattouse finished strongly and his clearer punching just saw him home.

Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 138, beat Jackie Turner, Hull, 137¼, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter was cut over the left eye. Rhodes had already been warned for misuse of the head, and Turner's mentors claimed the cut was caused by a deliberate butt.

Rhodes, however, said the cut was caused by a punch.

Former Olympic Silver Medalist John Mugabi, based in London, 155¼, kayoed Dennis Pryce, 153, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Tony Britton, Lewisham, 153½, over eight. Scoreline: 79½-78, which seemed to flatter the winner.
(05-11-81)

▲ **COPTHORNE—International Sporting Club—**Jimmy Cable, 156½, kept his unbeaten record and didn't lose a round in outscoring Mickey Mapp, Eltham, 156, over eight by 80-76. The fans threw in nobbins in appreciation of a fine scrap.

Ray Price, Swansea, 140, outpointed Barry Price, Brighton, over eight by 79-78. Barry afterwards announced his retirement from the ring after a career of 60 bouts.

Paul Newman, Bognor, 175, beat Billy Warner, 177, Brighton, who used to be his stablemate, the referee intervening in round two with Warner still upright but not fighting back.

Ben Lawlor, Kilkenny, 177, didn't lose a round in outscoring Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 171, by 80-77 over eight. Stacey was decked in round five.

Delroy Pearce, Tottenham, 140½, comfortably outpointed Mark Crouch, Cranleigh, 140, by 39½-38 over six.
(05-11-81)

▲ **GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—**Vernon Van Reil, 138½, narrowly outscored Willie Booth, Airdrie, 136¼, by 79½-79 over eight, but many fans disagreed with this verdict.

Van Reil was down twice, both times in round three, but recovered well to score with effective left jabs. Booth's right ear was cut, and there was a swelling around his right eye.

If Booth had only followed up his advantages in round three . . . but, that's what the fight game is all about.

Mark Seabrook, London, 72, beat Gary Jones, Stirling, 175, the referee intervening in round three after Jones was cut by the left eye.

Liam Linnen, Coatbridge, 148¼, came back after inactivity to easily outscore Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, not losing a round in his 60-58½ scoreline over six. Smith was down in round three.

Ian McLeod, 129, made it four wins in a row by comfortably outscoring Alan Storey, Sunderland, 128, over six, not losing one of the six rounds.
(05-11-81)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club—**Johnny Francis, Manchester, 150, outpointed Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 148, over eight by 79-77½, which gave the former his 12th victory in 13 bouts. Douglas finished with a swelling under the left eye.

Kevin Walsh, Manchester, 148, beat Jim Hunter, Glasgow, 146, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round when the latter had stopped punching back.

Alex Gregeal, Glasgow, 147, outscored Dave Dunn, Rossendale, 150, by 59-58 over six. A good contest, both tiring towards the close.

Chris McCullum, Edinburgh, 133½, narrowly outpointed Derek Groarke, Warrington, 135, over six by 59½-59, a decision that didn't please everyone. Action packed throughout.
(05-12-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Welsh light middleweight champion Gary Pearce, Newport, 146½, outpointed Tony Martey, Ghana, 149½, based in London, over eight by 79-77½. Not a fight to be remembered.

Clyde Ruane, Slough, 129½, narrowly outscored Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 129½, over eight by 78½-78.

Ron Pearce, Newport, 155½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Vincent Stewart, Tottenham, 153, by 60-58½ over six. It was the latter's pro debut, and he tried hard, only to be outjabbed.

Micheal Booth, Crawley, 138, outscored Mark Virgen, Merthyr, 139¼, over six, also not losing a round. Scoreline 60-59. Virgen was down in the second session.
(05-13-81)

▲ **LEICESTER—Apsara Cinema—**Ricky James, Rugby, 200, kayoed John Rafferty, Glasgow, 189, in round four after decking him in the opening session.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 166, also won by a knockout, when Steve Fenton, Leicester, 170, succumbed in round seven from a right to the jaw. Fenton, who afterwards announced his retirement from the ring, had boxed well in the first few rounds, and looked ahead when Jackson brought over the finisher.

Clean knockouts seemed the order of the night with Alec Irvine, Leicester, putting Neil Brown, Norwich, 132, on the deck for the full count in round four. The latter had already been

down twice.

Mickey Kidd, Wolverhampton, 162, outpointed Willie Wright, Birmingham, 164, over six by 59½-58½. The fans loved this one, and threw in nobbins. This was a makeshift bout, the boxers concerned having only come along to watch. When one of the principals couldn't make it because his car had broken down, they volunteered to meet each other.

Nick Riozzi, Leicester, 148, outscored Steve Brannan, Bedworth, 148, over six by the narrowest margin, 59½-59. The winner was down in the opening round, but finished strongly.

Peter Stockdale, Grimsby, 148, outscored Wayne Kline, Leicester, 150, over four.
(05-13-81)

▲ **MANCHESTER—Anglo-American Sporting Club**—Steve MacLeod, Scotland, 144, beat Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 143½, the bout being halted in the sixth of the scheduled eight after the latter had been down twice. Time of stoppage: 0:27. Harry Warner, referee.

Debutant David Scere, Manchester, 164 (the son of former welter star Nat Jacobs), defeated the previously unbeaten Steve Coleman, Manchester, 159, the referee intervening in round two with Coleman taking punishment.

Coleman seemed well on top in the opening session, but left his chin exposed in the following round and took a right hand for his carelessness. Scere then piled on the pressure.

Debutant Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 139, looked good outpointing Mike Dunlop, Lochaber, 141, not losing a round. Scoreline: 40-38½ over four.

Ronnie Rathbone, Sheffield, 148, outscored Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 149¾, over six by 59½-58½. Ahearne had been inactive for nearly a year.
(05-18-81)

▲ **LONDON—York Hall**—Chris Christian, Stoke Newington, 154, narrowly outscored former British light middleweight champion Jimmy Batten, 153½, over eight by 78½-78.

It was the most impressive victory of Christain's 20 month career, and augurs well for the future. As for Batten, a setback to his aspirations for regaining his old crown.

There were many who didn't agree with the decision, and demonstrated accordingly. But this is always the case with a close contest.

Batten showed his skills, but Christian would not be contained, and shrugged off his opponent's accurate leads to come in and crowd Jimmy.

Chris never stopped working, and it was probably this factor that influenced the decision over Batten, who had revealed the cleaner puching, but couldn't keep his man at bay.

Mark Kaylor, West Ham, 161, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Joe Gregory, Norwood, 164¼, who was retired by his corner at the end of round six. He had a swelling under the right eye, and, although he had not been down, looked very weary.

Much interest was centered in the pro debut of Robert Smith, son of manager Andy Smith, who guided Joe Bugner to a bout for the world heavyweight title and currently manages Dave Green.

Robert, who has adopted the ring name of R.W. Smith, 154, beat Kirk Davis, 154, Derby, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been down from a right to the head.

Billy O'Grady, Deptford, 135¼, drew with Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 131, who came in as a substitute, over eight. The latter started quickly, throwing a lot of punches, and O'Grady had an uncomfortable opening round, during which he bled from the nose and was nearly floored.

However, Billy recovered well, and in round five put his man on the canvas, but Greenidge rose before a count could be started. In that same round, O'Grady was cut by the right eye; he sustained two more cuts before the end.

Dominic Berbonzi, Battersea, 144½, overcame the handicap of a cut by the right eye to outscore John Wiggins, Nottingham, 145, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Steve Buttle, Basingstoke, 159, beat Irving Wilmot (normally billed as Prince Wilmot), Cricklewood, 164, the bout being stopped after only 45 seconds of the opening round after Wilmot had been down twice.
(05-26-81)

RON OLVER

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ **EAST LONDON—Sisa Dukashe Stadium**—Nkosana (Happy Boy) Mgxaji won a majority decision over American lightweight Ernie Bing, 10.

Mgxaji, who came in several kilos over the lightweight limit, had too much strength, experience, and ability for Bing. Neither scored a knockdown, but there were several lively exchanges which kept the crowd of about 10,000 bubbling with excitement.

Gaybon Yekiso knocked out Nkosomozi Moss in the 11th round to win the South African junior featherweight title.
(06-01-81)

▲ **CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre**—Theunis Kok suffered an early setback in his attempt to make a comeback when he was clearly outscored by American heavyweight Lee Royster, 10.

Royster, who gave away both weight and reach to Kok, inflicted severe punishment on the South African and came close to dropping him in the ninth.

South African middleweight champion Bruce McIntyre made hard work out of outpointing Coenie Bekker, eight. Bekker used evasive tactics, and made McIntyre look clumsy and crude. Bekker was down in the second.
(06-15-81)

NATAL

▲ **DURBAN—West Ridge Park**—Doug Lumley climbed off the canvas in the sixth round to outpoint Martin Barnard and retain his South African light heavyweight title, 12.

Lumley had established a clear lead when Barnard dropped him with a right cross. Lumley soon recovered, and was a lot more cautious after that.
(06-22-81)

BERT BLEWETT

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hurricane Teru, 118, retained his national bantamweight crown with a unanimous decision over Katsuyuki Ohashi, also 118, in a monotonous 10-round affair. The official scores were: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 99-96; judge Ken Morita, 100-96; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 100-93.

The 5'6¾" Ohashi refused to mix it up with the 29-year-old champion, who was two inches shorter. Teru is now 35-9-3 with 15 knockouts. Ohashi, 21, is 11-4 with only one kayo.

Hikaru Tomonari, 130, retained his national junior lightweight title by unanimous decision over veteran Masa Ito, also 130, 10. Ito, 33, once held the title.

It was the 5'8" Tomonari's first defense. The official scores were: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-94; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-93; judge Ken Morita, 100-92. Tomonari, who held advantages in height and reach, forced the ref to give Ito a standing count in the fifth session. He's now 18-4-1 with nine kayoes. Ito, who lost a point for holding in the fifth, is 41-18-4 with 11 knockouts.

The 25-year-old Tomonari may be Samuel Serrano's next challenger. He'd better learn to use his left hand more effectively.

Hideyuki Shikano (previously fighting as Kaishu Shin), 129, won an upset unanimous decision over Toshiaki Nakamoto, also 129, an amateur star making his pro debut. Shikano outsped Nakamoto all the way and dropped him with right counters twice in the last session. The official scores of the six-rounder were 60-55, 60-54 and 59-54. Shikano is now 7-7-3 with two kayoes.

Junichi Ota, 108, won a unanimous decision over brutal hooker Kokichi Yamamoto, also 108, six.

Four-rounders: Southpaw Masahiko Wada, 122, survived a knockdown and halted Hideki Ozuhata, 121½, at 1:47 of the first round with a right hook. Yasunobu Imataki, 113½, eked out a split decision over Toshio Otsuka, also 113½. Toshio Yoshimoto, 114½, polished off Masahiro Sasaki, 115, in 2:46 of the first round in the opener.

Shichiro Kimura's Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.

Telecast through Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,000.
(05-28-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Former Japanese junior middleweight boss Kenji Shibata, 160, won a unanimous decision over 19-year-old Korean Jung-Yul Lee, 157, 10. The crowd booed at the conclusion of the dull affair.

Shibata's inability to follow up on his advantages is irritating.

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF JUNE 17, 1981)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Kenji Shibata
3. James Callaghan
4. Gensui Murakami
5. Keitoku Chirima

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Katsuhiro Sawada
2. Masahide Kitamura
3. Mamoru Taira
4. Kazuhiko Yasuda

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Mitsuo Kushikino
3. Yohi Arai
4. Kazumi Nakao
5. Ikuya Toshinai

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eiichi Fukumoto
1. Minoru Suguya
2. Noboru Hatakeyama
3. Kazunori Shiratori
4. Kirk Fujimoto
5. Tatsuya Moriyasu
6. Tadashi Suginaga
7. Hidekazu Akai
8. Nobutaka Kuwata
9. Fire Kaneda
10. Ryutaro Ohtsuki

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Hayao Shiba
2. Jyoken Narita
3. Tadao Ishido
4. Katsuhiro Ohkubo
5. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki
6. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
7. Tokuo Maruuchi
8. Keizo Kurebayashi
9. Takashi Sugimoto
10. Yutaka Itoi

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hikaru Tomonari
1. Yoshimitsu Azato
2. Ryu Fukida
3. Takeshi Hamada
4. Masa Ito
5. Katsuji Sano
6. Freddy Mensah
7. Yoshitaka Ikehara
8. Blazer Okubo
9. Ken Sogo
10. Taijiro Niyama

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Koichi Matsushima
2. Tomio Nakamura
3. Johnny Fujimoto
4. Fusao Imai
5. Gen Tosa
6. Yasuhide Takahashi
7. Kosei Kawaguchi
8. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara
9. Tomoharu Yamamoto
10. Condor Yamamoto

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Bunji Ando
2. Yu Kasahara
3. Toshiyuki Tanaka
4. Kenichi Ito
5. Sanji Ito
6. Naoki Kobayashi
7. Dragon Hayakawa
8. Yoshiharu Watanabe
9. Hirokazu Fukui
10. Keiji Kawamura

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurricane Teru
1. Hitoshi Ishigaki
2. Yuji Oka
3. Takashi Uezu
4. Tsuguyuki Toma
5. Takeshi Ryu
6. Hideyuki Kawai
7. Katsuyuki Ohashi
8. Masaru Yamamoto
9. Masayuki Kirisaki
10. Masao Ogata

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jackal Maruyama
1. Satoru Koguchi
2. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
3. Hitoshi Ohashi
4. Kazumi Sato
5. Kiyoshi Ohyama
6. Kazuo Osamu
7. Susumu Itokazu
8. Yasuo Azato
9. Takesisa Nakajima
10. Kazuhiko Kawahira

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Shigeo Nakajima
2. Koichi Maki
3. Koji Kobayashi
4. Toshihiro Okumoto
5. Ken Kasugai
6. Shinji Suga
7. Masaru Fuji
8. Yoshiyuki Uchigoshi
9. Shinji Takagi
10. Mitsuo Imazato

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Masaharu Inami
1. Tadashi Tomori
2. Hiroyuki Tada
3. Phoenix Taniguchi
4. Puma Koya
5. Kazuyoshi Funaki
6. Yoshiaki Kanda
7. Yoshiaki Nojima
8. Keisuke Yuguchi
9. Road Mitsuru
10. Rikuo Watanabe

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Tadashi Mihara (junior lightweight), Royal Kobayashi (featherweight), Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Yasutsune Uehara (#3 WBA junior lightweight; #7 WBC), Tenyu Maruki (#9 WBA featherweight), Hiroshi Gonohe (#7 WBA junior featherweight), Shuichi Isogami (#6 WBA bantamweight), Jiro Watanabe (#10 WBC junior bantamweight), Nobuyuki Watanabe (#8 WBA flyweight), Syuichi Hozumi (#7 WBA junior flyweight), Koki Ishii (#6 WBA flyweight), Shoji Oguma (#4 WBC flyweight), Masaharu Inami (#10 WBC junior flyweight), Katsuo Tokashiki (#10 WBA junior flyweight), Yoko Gushiken (#4 WBA junior flyweight; #2 WBC).

THAI RATINGS
BY THE THAI BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF JULY 10, 1981)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Satanfa S. Pratip
1. Tongta Kiatvayupak
2. Saensak Muangsurin
3. Thaminthong Singsamang
4. Kiatsayarm Jokker
5. Burirum Suenmisakavan
6. Mana Premchai
7. Jong Sathiragym
8. Kunphol Sakornphitak

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kongrug Vocharernrat
1. Petchsayarm Petcharern
2. Thom Singthanongsakdi

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jenrub Muangsurin
1. Somdej Sakdiphipus
2. Keovanoi Kiatsingnoi
3. Suradej Klongphajorn
4. Nanthabureng Leadbankye
5. Chokchai Kiatsingnoi
6. Chainarong Chutinavy
7. Sakad Pornthavee
8. Rakchart Kiatvayuphak
9. Downthong Chuvatana

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun
2. Dorn Sornsakdisith
3. Vechayun Senaphitak
4. Sonsakdi Sithlakmuang
5. Ngoohuoleg Lukaladyotin
6. Kongkiat Sithmanun
7. Prichar Nabanmee
8. Monkorndak Muangsurin
9. Dejnarong Vorcharernrat
10. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Nugprachun Kiatkumchai
1. Kolnyuth P. Punyuth
2. Dedkad Kiatbunyong
3. Sangthong Chanjeelar
4. Santhi Donjadee
5. Manus Lo-ngerng
6. Kunphollek Sakornphitak
7. Nongthom Singthanongsak
8. Veerachainoi Dejavatal
9. Salatan Tarphoothai

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dejvarin Hollywood
1. Pongpun Sorphayathci
2. Arcadej Singjomthong
3. Ekaluk Singnakornlong
4. Morkasakdi Muangsurin
5. Thanupetch Petch-u-bol
6. Pisvong Sithbungerd
7. Dungprasert Sorsombutr
8. Pornarai Kiatmana

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Sakda Saksuree
1. Kaosai Galassy
2. Charnok U. Yuthanakarn
3. Venice Borkorsor
4. Sakdisamai Chorsiritat
5. Surija Pratumvadee
6. Duen-e-san Luklongjun
7. Prasong Sithkempetch
8. Kom Chartsurat
9. Mongkol Kiatjongrug
10. Numraman Sithmuhamad

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Phaktai Osodsapha
1. Brabtorani Luklumpakchee
2. Suban Muangsurin
3. Nasai Charlermchaigym
4. Ali Baba Luklongtan
5. Tani Singchuevung
6. Saipha Sorphayathai
7. Sombutr Chuvatana
8. Archen Sukothai
9. Num Sorphayathai
10. Seeson Muangsurin

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dan Pisalchai
1. Chutmongkol Thairungriang
2. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm
3. Monsayarm H. Mahachai
4. Wonchai Sorpenpis
5. Jimmy Sithphaidang
6. Chandang Singchuevung
7. Glar Permchai
8. Den Chuvatana
9. Santhichai Luklumphee

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Srithuncha Sithsanae
1. Ratanachai Punvit
2. Komleg Sorthanikul
3. Suriya Pratumvadee
4. Umnaj Sor. S.S. Chan
5. Grarvag Petcharern
6. Borvonmonkol Singchuevung
7. Phuthai Lukminburi
8. Raknarong Chorsangchan
9. Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtrang
10. Phameechai Sithpornpun

Thai boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Vichit Muangroi-et (#1 WBA junior featherweight), Netrnoi S. Vorasingh (#5 WBA junior flyweight; #2 WBC).

He's smooth and rhythmical, but is a bit too cautious. Some fans left the Hall before the bout was over.

The official scorecards were as follows: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 99-97; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-97; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 100-95-all, of course, in favor of the 28-year-old southpaw.

Kazuaki Yukawa, 134½, the 38-year-old rookie, fought to a split draw with 31-year-old Yoshitetsu Une, also 134½, six. Yukawa was a little more aggressive than Une in the last three rounds.

Hard hitting Makoto Taguchi, 117½, pounded out a unanimous decision over Katsuhiko Fukugomori, also 117½, six. The loser hit the deck in the fifth canto.

Four-rounders: Makoto Kano, 108, won a unanimous decision over Tamasaburo Yamada, 107. Yamada, a university student who is popular with the gal fans, is now 1-1-1. Kano was making his pro debut. Mitsuru. Nanamegi, 122, outpointed Yuji Tanaka, 121½. Takao Ogaki, 107, halted Minoru Imai in 0:57 of the first round. Isamu Machida, 106½, kayoed Yuzo Ota, 108, in 1:52 of the first. Hiroshi Osuga, 134¼, halted Toru Sato, 134½, at 0:46 of the second. Kenichi Fukazawa, 128, outscored Akimoto Yasuda, 129, in the curtain raiser.

The show was co-promoted by Hiroshi Saito's Saito Promotions and Naohiko Saida's Saida Promotions. There was no telecast.

Attendance—1,500.

(05-02-81)

▲ TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Lanky Shuichi Hozumi, 111¾, rebounded from his kayo loss to OPBF flyweight ruler Hong-Soo Yang on November 23, 1980 by halting Salakpetch Kiatpetchnoi, 112½, Thailand, at 1:55 of the sixth round in the 10-round main event. Three knockdowns in the fatal session forced referee Takeshi Shimakawa to declare Hozumi the winner via automatic knockout.

The 5'6" Hozumi is now 15-1 with four kayoes. He's 21 years old. Salakpetch, who is not even rated by the Thai Commission, is 10-1 with four knockouts.

Up-and-coming lefty Koji Kobayashi, 115, knocked out tall Thai Facumron Vibulchai, 114½, in 1:59 of the second round. Vibulchai had battled Miguel Canto to a split decision on November 20, 1978, but he looked like a common pushover here. The 23-year-old Kobayashi upped his record to 13-1-2 with nine kayoes. Facumron is now 19-4 with 11 knockouts. Yusaku Yoshida, referee.

Hard punching former high school amateur champ Tsuyoshi Hamada, 132, ran his record to 9-1 (nine kayoes) by stopping Verachart Mahachai, 132¾, at 2:04 of the second session in the evening's first 10-round affair. The loser visited the canvas thrice-once from a wicked left in the first round and twice more in the following stanza.

The 20-year-old Hamada, a southpaw, is a quick finisher and looks very promising. Verachart is now 8-2 with eight knockouts. (That's if the promoter's ad was right.)

Hiroyuki Seki, 114¼, made his pro debut by dropping awkward Dekoichi Shimizu, also 114¼, with a well timed left uppercut to the face in round two and winning a unanimous decision after six. Seki, 22, had compiled a 60-19 log (12 stoppages) in the amateurs. He looked good against Shimizu.

The official scores were: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 59-57; judge Shoji Nakamori, 60-55; judge Takeo Ugo, 59-56. Seki is a graduate of Chuoh University.

Hiroyuki Yatsu, 125¼, knocked down Terumi Higashiogiwara, also 125¼, in the second round and won via unanimous decision after six. Yatsu, 19, is now 7-2-1 with five knockouts. His future looks bright if he improves his defense.

Four-rounders: Kazumasa Yamashiro, 112, floored Yoshinobu Fukui, 111, in the first and fourth rounds enroute to a unanimous decision. It was Fukui's pro debut. Katsumi Suzuki, 111, amazed the crowd by stopping Masahiko Kawamura, 112, in 0:54 of the first canto in the opener.

The program started at 11:30 a.m. for the benefit of Nippon TV.

Akihiko Honda's Teiken Promotions.

Attendance—1,600.

(05-10-81)

▲ ITAMI—Sports Center—A card of eight four-rounders was dedicated to the International Year of the Handicapped.

Hiroshi Shimizu, 135, knocked out Sumihiro Suda, 131, in 2:01 of the third. Manabu Niwazukino, 120¾, dropped Ryoji Fukumoto, 121¼, in the second and won via majority decision. Kiyoto Miyata, 126, got off the canvas and earned a majority draw with Shoichi Ohashi, 124 in the latter's pro debut. Takeyoshi Tanaka, 135, won a unanimous (all cards 40-37) decision over Koji Suzuki, 134½. Katsunori Nagamoto, 121, won unanimous decision over Eiichi Yanase, 120½. Masami Higashiyama, 117½, won a unanimous duke over Junji Shimada, 118. Shimada is now 1-6.

Masashi Onishi, 128½, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Toshiyuki Okuda, 126¾. Okuda was floored in the final session. Shinji Shinagawa, 127, demolished Mikihiro Kawakami, 128½. The bout was stopped at 1:42 of the third round after Kawakami had been on the canvas twice.

Takao Kambayashi's Kambayashi Promotions.

Attendance—3,300.

(05-11-81)

▲ TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Royal Kobayashi, 126, retained his OPBF featherweight crown with a unanimous decision over Korean national champ Dae-Hwan Lee, also 126, 12.

This was a rematch, as Kobayashi had won a hard fought decision over Lee last August. This time, having to make the weight weakened Royal, and his punches were not very effective. Lee was not so sharp as last time, either.

There were no knockdowns this time, and Lee was penalized a point for holding midway in round eight. Both ran out of gas in the last three rounds, and the crowd began to jeer. The official scores were: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 119-114; judge Kodai Kumazaki, 119-116; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 119-117.

Kobayashi, who upped his record to 35-6 with 27 kayoes, will probably move up to the junior lightweight class and relinquish his OPBF feather title. The official announcement is expected shortly.

Lee, 28, is now 8-7-3 with no kayoes. He doesn't have much power, but is durable and brave.

Tricky Kiyoshi Nagashima, 116, won a unanimous decision over Masayuki Kirisaki, 115¾, in a supporting 10. Referee Takeshi Shimakawa scored the monotonous bout 99-95, judge Takeo Ugo carded 99-97, and judge Hiroyuki Tezaki had it 98-96. Nagashima is now 11-6-6 with five kayoes. Kirisaki is 8-3-3 with one knockout.

Koji Yamamoto, 134½, won a unanimous nod over Toshitsuga Konishi, 133¾, six.

Four-rounders: Masahige Nishimura, 134½, came off the deck and kayoed Minoru Sato, 134, in 2:43 of the second. Takamori Morioka, 133, polished off Ryoji Miyata, 134½, in 2:43 of the first round. Shigeru Iwaki, 119¼, outscored Hiroshi Yamamoto, 118½. Shoji Matsukawa, 129¼, halted Teruhiro Kobayashi, also 129¼, at 1:15 of the fourth and final stanza.

Yoshinori Takahashi's J.R.J. Kokusai Promotions.

TBS TV.

Attendance—1,600.

(05-19-81)

▲ OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink—Six foot middleweight Keitoku Senrima, 158¼, the 1980 West-Japan *Shinjin-o* winner, floored Kazuo Goshima, also 158¼, with a short right in the first and won via unanimous decision after eight rounds.

The scores were: referee Ichiro Uenaka, 78-74; judge Teruo Fujita, 78-75; judge Yuko Yasuda, 79-75. Senrima is now 4-2 with two kayoes. Goshima is 5-5 with four knockouts.

Shoji Okishima, 134, eked out a majority decision over Yoshitaka Hinenoya, 135, six.

(05-23-81)

▲ CHITA—City Gymnasium—Japanese junior flyweight champion Masaharu Inami, 107½, used sharp one-two combos to win a unanimous decision over Phoenix Taniguchi, 107, Chita, in a fast paced 10-round national title bout.

Inami is now 14-1-1 with three kayoes. Taniguchi, 29, is 12-12-3 with five knockouts. The official scores were: referee Masao Kato and judge Koichi Ushida, both 100-97; judge Takaomi Ito, 100-96.

Four-rounders: Takashi Yokozeki, 116¾, made a successful pro debut by winning a close unanimous decision over Hisao Tomishima, 117. Seiji Nishida, 107½, polished off Hiroyoshi Yoshida, 106¾, at 1:57 of the first round. Masaru Takagi, 150¼, and Masahiro Hirayama, 147½, fought to a majority draw with two of the officials—Kato and Kondo—scoring all of the rounds even. Satoshi Okada, 110¼, won a unanimous (all cards 40-38) decision over Kazuhisa Koyama, 110. Hideki Godai, 124, won a close but unanimous nod over Kazushi Hara, 126¾, in a gory fight. Godai dropped Hara in the first round, but his later rallies were not so effective. It was the card opener.

Former WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken was introduced before the main event. The crowd hailed the "loser but people's champ," who has made up his mind to fight again.

Kiyoshi Tani's Heiwa Promotions.

Attendance—2,400. (No admission charged.)

(05-24-81)

▲ TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Former WBC junior flyweight champ Shigeo Nakajima, 112, was surprisingly knocked out by mediocre trial horse Nobuyuki Watanabe, also 112, in 3:08 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10-rounder. This was supposed to be a tune-up for Shigeo's scheduled title bout with WBC super flyweight champion Chul-Ho Kim of Korea.

Nakajima looked sharp in the first half of the bout, tossing stinging lefts and cleverly averting Watanabe's wild blows. He was in command in round three, using left jabs and straight rights with fine precision. The fourth frame saw Nakajima almost topple his opponent with a right hand counter in the closing seconds. Watanabe, who had suffered three consecutive defeats (by Koichi Maki, Koki Ishii, and Shuichi Hozumi) was saved by the bell.

Nakajima, however, tired quickly after that. He wasn't able to throw left leads, and couldn't avoid Watanabe's left hooks from the sixth round on.

In the eighth round, Watanabe nailed Nakajima with savage combos. Shigeo fought back, but without his vaunted power. A left uppercut to the liver sank the former WBC champ for the count.

Scoring after seven: referee Ken Morita and judge Shoji Nakamori, both 68-68; judge Takeo Ugo, 70-67, Nakajima. The ex-champ is now 13-5-1 with seven kayoes. The 28-year-old Watanabe is 15-9-2 with 10 knockouts.

Lanky Toshiyuki Tanaka, 122, won a hairline verdict over hard punching Kenichi Ito, also 122, in a supporting 10-round bout. Tanaka, 21, is now 11-1-1 with three kayoes. Ito, who was rated number one by the JBC, is 18-6-2 with 10 knockouts.

Four-rounders: Southpaw Kozaburo Ichihara, 130, outscored Kazuo Nakata, also 130. Masayuki, Sakogashira, 130, outpointed Naritoshi Wachi, also 130. Teruyuki Shimada, 115, knocked out Hidetoshi Kuroiwa, 113¼, with an overhand right to the jaw in 1:37 of the second. Lefty Keiji Koizumi, 122 outscored Shin Miura, 121½. Kazutaka Higa, 115, made his pro debut by stopping Ken Harada, 115, at 0:27 of the second in the opener.

Kenji Yonekura's Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,500.

(05-26-81)

▲ OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium—Japanese junior middleweight champ Michihiro Horihata, 153½, pounded out a unanimous decision over local favorite Masahide Kitamura, also 153½, to retain his crown for the fifth time. Kitamura was the JBC's top ranked contender.

The 5'10" Horihata, a southpaw, made good use of right hooks against the scrappy 5'9" challenger. Kitamura's best round was the fourth, in which he landed right hands to the champ's face.

Referee Ryoji Kashiwagi scored it 98-97, judge Hiroshi Matsumoto had it 100-96, and judge Nobumitsu Inukai carded 99-95. Horihata, 28, is now 19-13-2 with 14 knockouts. Kitamura, 21, a former West-Japan *Shinjin-o* tourney winner, is 10-3 with nine kayoes.

Si-Ho Yuh, 118, the Korean Commission's top ranked junior bantam, made his Japanese debut and was held to a draw by rugged Kazumi Sato, 119½, in the 10-round semi-final. There were no knockdowns, but it was a good see-saw affair.

Scoring: referee Nobumitsu Inukai, 98-98; judge Yuko Yasuda, 97-97; judge Ichiro Uenaka, 98-97, Sato.

Short, hard hitting southpaw Joe Tatsuki, 126, the JBC's

eighth ranked junior feather, revealed his glass jaw when fellow lefty Yoshiharu Watanabe, 125½, stopped him in the eighth and final round.

Watanabe dropped the former All-Japan *Shinjin-o* winner once in the sixth round and twice more in the eighth before referee Nobumitsu Inukai stepped in at 1:47 of the latter session. Tatsuki was groggy at the finish. He's now 10-5 with six kayoes. The winner, Watanabe, is 6-2-2 with five knockouts.

Osamu Kasaya, 130, floored southpaw Yoshiaki Takemoto, 126½, twice—the second time for the full count—in 2:29 of the third round in a scheduled six. The winner was on the canvas in the first session. He's now 4-1 with three kayoes. Takemoto is 3-4-1 with one knockout.

Lord Mitsuru, 111¼, flattened Masahiro Yanagitani, 112¾, with a punch that he let go just after the bell ended round four of their scheduled sixer. Yanagitani was unable to continue, being knocked flatter than a pancake, so the West-Japan Commission declared the bout "no contest." Lord, a hard puncher, is now 6-0 (and one "no contest"), while Yanagitani is 7-6-2 (and one "no contest").

Four-rounders: Takuya Rokusha, 125½, outscored Akimitsu Haruyama, 124. Hideo Sakamoto, 111, won unanimous decision over Shigemoto Soda, 110¾, in the opener.

Toshimichi Yamanaka's Shinko Boxing Promotions.

Attendance—6,500.

(05-28-81)

▲ **FUKUOKA—Toyomae City Gymnasium—**Dekoichi Shimizu, 116½, stopped Mitsuo Shimokawa, 116¾, at 2:46 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Kenzo Takasugi, 121½, outscored Koshiro Yamamoto, 120¼, six.

Four-rounders: Shuji Kubo, 124, kayoed Motoji Utsunomiya, 122¼, in 1:35 of the second. Yoshi Ikeda, 107½, outscored Yoshitami Mori, 106½. Tatsuo Okuma, 129¾, outpointed Masa Taskene, 127¾. Chusei Akiyama, 139, outpointed Masashi Fujiwara, 137½. Shige Ikeda, 111, kayoed Hajime Kido, 110¾, in 1:57 of the first round. Hajime Maruo, 143½, outpointed Tomohiro Nagao, 144¼. Katsuichi Minami, 110, outscored Masaki Sono, also 110, in the opener.

(04-19-81)

▲ **NOTES—**The following result was published with incomplete data on page 64 of the July, 1981 issue of *The Ring:*

On March 29, 1981, *Ryutaro Otsuki, 134¾,* knocked out Yasuo Hasegawa, 134, in 1:50 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo.

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KOREA

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**Chung-Jae Hwang, 146½, retained his OPBF welter crown by halting Fernando Gloria, 146¾, Philippines, at 2:59 of the eighth session. Hwang is now 16-0 with 13 kayoes.

Chung-Jae, and aggressive boxer-puncher, overwhelmed the Filipino in the third round and almost scored a knockout. Furious combos decked Fernando in the eighth round, and a towel was tossed in after Gloria dropped to the canvas. It was Hwang's seventh title defense. He is, without a doubt, the best welterweight in the Orient.

Keun-Nam Kim, 110¾, the Korean Boxing Commission's eighth ranked junior flyweight, demolished Chul-Hi Jin, 111¼, at 0:29 of the fourth frame in the scheduled 10-round semi-final.

Jong-Sil Lee, 145½, and Tak-Jong Chung, 143¾, drew, eight.

Jae-Hun Kim, 147½, polished off Jong-Hyun Park, 145½, at 1:19 of the first round in a scheduled six.

In-Kil Kang, 123¼, outscored Jung-Chul Park, 122¼, six.

Mim-Sol Lee, 132, outpointed Tong-Kap Park, 131, six.

Four-rounders: Kwang-Ik Chang, 136¾, halted Jong-Keun Lim, 135½, at 1:18 of the second. Chul Kwon, 119½, halted Hak-Su Kim, also 119½, in 2:14 of the first. Yong-Ho Choi, 113, and Kwang-Chun Lee, also 113, drew in the opener.

Kangpo Promotions. (Program started at 3:00 p.m.)

(05-17-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**At 6:00 p.m., another card was held, promoted by a different impressario.

Yong-Kyun Kim, 108, the WBC's seventh ranked contender, retained his OPBF junior flyweight crown by halting Puma Koya, 107, Japan, at the end of the sixth session. Kim was very aggressive from the start, and opened a gash on Koya's forehead in the third round. Another punch made Puma bleed profusely from the right eyebrow in round five, and his corner decided to give up after the sixth frame was over.

It was Kim's third successful defense. His coolness and his gameness won the plaudits of the crowd and experts.

Yung-Kil Chang, 158¾, outscored Bung-In Chung, 159, eight.

Chul-Yong Park, 111¼, outpointed Jin-Young Yuh, also 111¾, eight.

Jun-Hu Bae, 129¼, decisioned Uo-Yong Kang, 129½, eight.

Sam-Yong Kim, 118, outscored Yung-Bong Kim, also 118, in the six-round opener.

Chungchin Promotions.

(05-17-81)

▲ **TAEGU—**Hwan-Jin Kim, 110¼, the WBA's top ranked junior flyweight, stayed unbeaten by outpointing Osaca Bliva, 110½, Colombia, 10.

Korean junior lightweight champion Tae-Jin Moon, 130½, halted Ruben Veliz, 131¼, Venezuela, who refused to come out for the seventh session. The official result in a kayo in 0:02 of round seven.

Ki-Nam Nam, 124¼, halted Han-Ki Chai, 125¾, at 1:38 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Suk-Lim Lee, 116¾, demolished Jong-Kook Hong, 114¾, at 2:43 of the sixth and final canto.

Four-rounders: Sang-Dae Lee, 121¼, outscored Min-Suk Oh, 117¼. Ki-Oh Yuh, 116¼, outpointed Byung-Suk Ue, 119¼, in the curtain raiser.

Kuk-Dong Promotions.

(05-17-81)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium—**Clever Filipino Francis Camatagan outscored Sa-Wang Kim, 133½, in the 10-round main event.

Jun-Sok Hwang, 147, retained his Korean national welter crown, outscoring Kwang-Yul Oh, 143¾, 10.

Korean rookie Kyung-Min Ra, 158¾, outscored Filipino veteran Armando Boniquit, also 158¾, eight.

Hwan-Ro Hwang, 141, outpointed Kyung-Tong Sung, also 141, eight. Hwang is actually a lightweight.

Ho-Sung Lee, 139¾, outscored In-Sup Joo, 142¼, six.

Four-rounders: Tong-Hi Joo, 126¾, and Tai-Shik Park, also 126¾, drew. Tong-Chun Lee, 126¾, outscored Jong-Ryul Sung, also 126¾. Ki-Sang Oh, 124¼, outclassed Bong-Hi Lee, 125¼, and won via unanimous decision in the opener.

Champion Promotions.

(05-16-81)

▲ **TAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium—**Ki-Yung Chung, 122, won the Korean junior featherweight title by outpointing Bong-Ho Yang, 121¼, 10.

The second 10-round bout saw Sun-Uh Chung, 129¾, outscored Tong-Gu Uh, also 129¾.

Suo-Hang Lee, 136½, outpointed Song-Ki Ra, also 136½, in the program's first 10-rounder.

Hard hitting Chan-Jung Chun, 123, halted Shin-Uk Kang, 122¼, at 2:43 of the fifth round in the opener. It was scheduled for six.

Korean featherweight champion Dae-Hwan Lee boxed a four-round exhibition with Tae-Pung Lee. The former was preparing for a crack at Royal Kobayashi's OPBF throne in Tokyo on May 19.

(05-02-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**Southpaw Hwan-Kil Yuh, 127¾, the OPBF's top featherweight contender, halted Deo Rabago, 128, the Philippines' third ranked junior lightweight, at 0:54 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Yuh went after Rabago from the start, and floored him twice in round two before the towel was thrown in.

Yuh is a leading challenger for the OPBF featherweight title, which Royal Kobayashi is expected to vacate in the near future.

Suk-Chul Bae, the WBA's second ranked junior bantamweight, boxed a four-round exhibition with Dong-Hwan Kim before the main event. Bae is scheduled to meet Panama's Rafael Pedroza in a semi-final elimination bout for the WBA's new junior bantam title.

Chang-Pyo Hong, 111¼, halted Chul-Hi Chin, 110¾, at 1:44 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Tai-Sang Jun, 121, stopped Kyu-Suk Han, also 121, at 2:19 of the third frame in their scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Hyun-Shik Lee, 114¼, outpointed Dae-Keun Lee, 114. Hard hitting Dong-Oh Chung, 136¼, outscored Jea-Hwan Chai, 136. Kook-Won Hua, 137¾, halted Chi-Yung Lee, 138½, at 0:51 of the second.

Waryong Promotions.

(04-26-81)

▲ **TAEGU—Arena—**Tall, unbeaten Chung-Il Choi, 131¾, knocked out former Filipino national Kingpin Nene Jun, also 131¾, in 1:28 of the fifth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. A well timed double left hook following a right cross did the trick.

Choi is now 11-0 with 10 kayoes. He may box Boza-Edwards for the WBC title late this summer.

Heung-Sok Yuh, 136, easily demolished Filipino Eddie Ballaran, 134½, midway in the second round of a supporting 10.

Chunsan Promotions.

(04-26-81)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium—**Sang-Hyun Baek, 140, won the vacant Korean junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Tae-Hoon Park, 139¾, 10.

Korean junior flyweight champion Soon-Yun Mah, 110¼, won a unanimous decision over Mexican import Manuel Cano, also 110¼, 10.

Jung-Koo Chang, 110¼, the KBC's top ranked junior flyweight, won a unanimous decision over Michael Bulca, also 110¼ in the evening's first 10-rounder.

These bouts were on the same card as the Kim-Chae OPBF junior welterweight title bout, the date of which was given as April 26 in the August issue. The correct date was April 25.

Hanjin Promotions.

(04-25-81)

▲ **NOTES—**Another American fight monthly, *Boxing Illustrated,* recently came out with a piece called "Koreagate Revisited," which said that a number of Korean fighters had been given title shots by the WBA and WBC which did not seem warranted by their accomplishments in the ring.

The article said, "it is strange to find that the majority of those men who are rated by the WBA and the WBC are neither national nor Oriental titleholders. Most are completely unknown outside Korea and quite a few are not even listed as top contenders by their own commission." This statement shows amazing ignorance of the rating system used by commissions in the Oriental boxing world.

The fact is that neither the Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation, nor its member commissions (Korea, Philippines, Thailand, and Japan) rank those fighters rated by the WBC or WBA. (The exceptions are, of course, those holding OPBF or national titles. They are listed as the champions, with the OPBF rulers omitted from the national rankings entirely.) If, for instance, the WBC rates a Korean fighter eighth, and he is not the OPBF or national Korean champ, that fighter is automatically omitted from the OPBF and Korean national ratings. Men like this are considered "world contenders," and are not ranked as challengers for continental or national titles.

Pro boxing in Korea is now flourishing, thanks to the country's economic growth and the sport's great popularity. Korean fighters now hold the majority of OPBF titles, and the reasons are clear. Many excellent young fighters are developed by their professional clubs, while many more develop in the amateurs. Korean boxers have won many medals in international competition.

Korea's first world champ, Ki-Soo Kim, compiled a fine 87-1 (40 kayoes) amateur log, his sole loss coming on a disputed decision to Nino Benvenuti in the 1960 Olympics. Kim, a southpaw, avenged this loss by beating Benvenuti for the pro 154-pound crown on June 25, 1966.

Former WBC flyweight champ Chan-Hee Park quickly reached the top as a pro after compiling a remarkable 123-2 amateur record. In his 11th pro bout on March 18, 1979, Park dethroned the crafty Miguel Canto.

Since the WBA and WBC try, in principle, to rate the champs of continental organizations like the NABF, EBU, FECARBOX, FESUBOX, ABU, AND OPBF, there are two ways for a Korean fighter to get ranked by either world organization. One is to beat a world ranked fighter; the other is to win the OPBF crown.

Boxing Illustrated's statement about there being many world ranked Korean boxers who don't even hold the national or OPBF titles is true, but the fighters in question all beat boxers ranked by either the WBA or WBC. *Boxing Illustrated* is probably unaware of this, simply because they don't get enough reportage from Korea.

For instance, Hwan-Jin Kim, the WBA's top ranked junior flyweight, entered the top 10 when he beat Japan's Shigeo Nakajima (then ranked by the WBA because of his kayo win over Japanese junior flyweight champ Kazunori Tenryu in Tokyo on August 29, 1978). Kim then continued winning and moved up to the top spot. He's still undefeated.

Yong-Hyun Kim, the WBA's third ranked junior flyweight, won the OPBF title by demolishing defending champ Sang-Il Chung in the second round on November 27, 1979. Chung was then ranked by the WBA, so Kim replaced him in the ratings.

Tae-Shik Kim, ranked second among flyweights by the WBA, is the former WBA world champ, having polished off Luis Ibarra of Panama on February 17, 1980.

Chul-Ho Kim, the WBC's current super flyweight champ, kayoed Venezuela's Rafael Orono in the ninth round on January 25, 1981.

Hong-Soo Yang, the WBA's fifth ranked flyweight, is the OPBF flyweight champ. He dethroned Japan's Jiro Takada (then world rated) via a close but unanimous decision in Japan in December, 1977. Yang subsequently lost his OPBF crown to Riki Igarashi, but regained it in a return bout on August 8, 1979. Hong-Soo, a sturdy southpaw, displayed his power punching by demolishing former Japanese junior flyweight champ Shuichi Hozumi in nine rounds in an OPBF title bout on November 23, 1980.

Former OPBF junior featherweight champ Soon-Hyun Chang is the strongest 122-pound fighter in the Orient. He lost a close decision to then WBA champ Ricardo Cardona in 1978 that caused a riot. Chung is also rated by *The Ring* International Panel.

Il-Bok Lee entered the WBA's top 10 by winning a decision over then OPBF junior lightweight champion Ryu Fukida in Korea on August 9, 1980. Lee has not been beaten since.

Chung-Il Choi, the WBA's third ranked 130-pounder, is a tall, strong punching junior lightweight who turned pro after winning a Gold Medal in the Asian Amateur Games. Choi recently demolished former OPBF champ Rey Tam and ex-Filipino king Nene Jun (both formerly ranked by the WBC). Chung-Il has won all of his pro bouts but one by knockout.

Young-Sae Oh, another former amateur star, won the OPBF junior lightweight crown by whipping Ryu Fukida in Tokyo on January 27. The sixth round stoppage was only Oh's sixth pro contest. We, in Japan, admired the speed and skill of Oh, who compiled a 113-7 amateur log and won a Gold Medal in the Indonesian President's Cup International Tournament. Oh is now ranked ninth by the World Boxing Association.

Kwang-Min Kim, the nonstop puncher who recently won the OPBF lightweight crown by beating Young-Ho Oh, broke into the WBA's top 10 by virtue of a 10-round decision over Tae-Ho Kim (then ranked by the WBA) in March, 1979. In August of that year, Kim lost a 15-round decision to then WBA junior welter boss Antonio Cervantes. His durability and gameness, though, were much appreciated, and the official verdict was split.

Southpaw Sang-Hyun Kim, the former WBC junior welter champ, recently regained the OPBF title.

Chung-Jae Hwang, the WBC's fifth ranked welter, is, by far, the best 147-pounder in the Orient. He entered the world ratings when he won the OPBF crown from Filipino lefty Dan de Guzman on February 29, 1980, and is now 16-0 with 13 kayoes as a pro. Chung-Jae, 21, won a Gold Medal in the Asian Amateur Games before he entered the pro ranks.

Chong-Pal Park, the WBA's second ranked middleweight contender, is the OPBF title holder. He won the crown by halting Cassius Naito in two rounds on August 22, 1979 and has since defended nine times. His overall record is now 19-1-1 with 18 kayoes.

So, whether you like the WBA and WBC rating system or not, and whether you approve of their policies with regard to continental champions and their inclination to rate young, inexperienced fighters simply on the basis of one victory over a ranked fighter, the fact is that Korean fighters have never been rated without reason.

Boxing Illustrated might do well to study the results of Oriental boxing printed in *The Ring.* Subscriptions, by the by, are only $12 for a single year.

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

PHILIPPINES

▲ **BAGUIO CITY—**Six 10-rounders headlined.

Filipino junior lightweight champion Francis Camatagan, 133, won a unanimous decision over Nick Capusl, 130, in a non-title affair.

National junior flyweight king Siony Carupo, 116¾, a tough lefty, squeaked out a majority decision over Danilo Inocian, 118½.

Alberto Saxon, 130, the Filipino Games and Amusements Board's seventh ranked junior lightweight, copped a unanimous decision over Tony Cinco, also 130.

Nilo Acido, 140, won a unanimous decision over Gar Atayde, 139½. Acido had too much experience for Atayde.

Boy Rubin, 109½, ranked seventh by the GAB, won a unanimous decision over Fred Guanzon, 108½.

Rudy Magdasal, 110½, outpointed Deo Mindoro, 109, in the first 10-round contest of the evening.
Augustin Garcia, promoter.
(04-19-81)

▲ **MANILA—Eduardo's Sports Club**—Former national junior featherweight champ Ric Diamale, 115, moved down to the newly established junior bantamweight division and won the Filipino crown with a unanimous decision over Diego de Villa, also 115, in a hot 10-round contest. Diamale was named Boxer of the Month by the GAB thanks to this important triumph.
Max (Boy) Toyogon, 133½, TKO'd Sandy Torres, 133, in the seventh frame of their 10-rounder.
Little Bangoyan, 120½, the GAB's sixth ranked 122-pounder, dropped an upset unanimous decision to Tale Maguan, 118, 10.
Joval de Rama, 126½, and Tony Cinco, 128½, drew in the first 10-round bout on the program.
Agustin Garcia, promoter.
(04-11-81)

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Filipino welter champion Mike de Guzman, 147, halted Jimmy Gonzales, also 147, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round non-title contest. The Games and Amusements Board called it a TKO.
Former Oriental lightweight champ Fred Pastor, 141, TKO'd Jun Gonzales, 140, in the sixth frame of their scheduled 10.
Ex-national champ Fred Basa, 135, won a unanimous decision over Ernesto Bargas, also 135, in the opening 10.
Efren Nazal, promoter.
(04-30-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Jun Garcia, 113, the GAB's fourth ranked flyweight, eked out a majority decision over Fel Malatag, 112, 10.
Lord Esmero, 112, won a unanimous duke over Sil Colosino, 113, in the 10-round semi-final.
Leo Kaki, 117½, won a unanimous nod over Josie Cels, 118, in the first 10-rounder of the evening.
Antonio Dacer, promoter.
(04-30-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Rudy Canasa, 121, won a unanimous decision over Lec Lancian, also 121, 10. Canasa is the GAB's sixth ranked bantamweight.
Julian Tan, Jr., promoter.
(04-25-81)

▲ **BAUANG, LA UNION**—Hard hitting welter Johnny Tam, 144, looked impressive knocking out Alex Infante, 143, in the third round of a scheduled 10.
Flash's Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.
(04-29-81)

▲ **AGUSTIN DEL NORTE**—Leo Dolotallas, 144, finished Erning Marin, 147, in the second round of a scheduled 10-round bout.
Cleopatra Abraca, promoter.
(04-19-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Willie Makitoki, 142, the GAB's third ranked junior welter, TKO'd Tony Flores, 141, in the third frame of a scheduled 10.
Nestor Miraflor, 121, won a unanimous decision over Elmer Leonardo, 129, 10.
Melching Makilan, 129, outscored Virgilio Berdeflor, also 129, 10.
Nerry Codilla, 129½, won a technical decision over Deo Rabago, 130, in the sixth frame of a scheduled 10-rounder.
Benjamin Sun, Promoter.
(04-11-81)

▲ **MANILA—Century Park Sheraton**—Lulu Villaverde, 125½, the GAB's second ranked featherweight, won a unanimous decision over Gener Cruz, 126½, 10.
Pablo Pepito, 114, the country's number two super flyweight, won a unanimous decision over Melchor Degsi, 112½, 10.
Fel Aporte, 115, won a unanimous duke over Fred Sta Iglesia, also 115, in the bill's first 10-round bout.
Ramon Laines, promoter.
(04-08-81)

▲ **BUTAN CITY**—Dede Suaybaguio, 118, halted Henry Pepito, 117, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Leo Dolotallas, 146, kayoed Boy Bernadas, 147, in the sixth frame of their scheduled 10-rounder.
Ric Dolotallas, 132, TKO'd Hermie Villanueva, 133, in the sixth round of the program's first 10-round contest.
Rene Lozada, promoter.
(04-04-81)

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Manaseh Base, 108, TKO'd Chun-Chul Park, also 108, Korea, in the eight frame of a scheduled 10-rounder.
Rolando Rosuento, 115, eked out a majority decision over Rodirgo Saonoy, 116, 10.
Yuri Santos, 113, won a technical decision over Danny Ruiz, 112½, in the ninth round of the program's first 10-rounder.
(04-02-81) JOE Y. KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▲ **KORAT—Open Air Stadium**—Former WBC junior flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Filipino Brigildo Canada, 10. Vorasingh won almost every round, and floored Canada with a lefty hand midway in the sixth.
Lope Sarreal, Sr. of the Philippines is trying to get Vorasingh a crack at a world title in the near future.
(04-25-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7**—Vichit Muangroi-et, the WBA's second ranked junior featherweight, won a unanimous decision over tough Rudy Patalinhug, Philippines, 10.
(04-19-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Hard hitting Eklaluk Singnakornlong, 123, the TBC's third ranked junior featherweight, flattened Somsakdi Sakpricha, 124, in the third frame of a scheduled six-rounder.
Sakdismute Singsamuang, 107, a southpaw, knocked out Thanongsak Phatanasing, 102, in the first round.
(05-02-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Srithuncha Sithsanae, 106½, dropped Ratanachai Punvit, 106½, for a mandatory eight-count in the third and won the vacant Thai junior flyweight crown with a unanimous decision after 10 fast rounds. Both men were lefthanders.
(04-29-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Salakpetch Kiatpetchnoi, 112, demolished Paratip Singsalaya, also 112, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(04-28-81)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Ekaluk Singnakornlong, 123, halted Nid Ekarcha, 119, in the third frame of a scheduled six-round bout. Singnakornlong is now 8-0 with five kayoes.
(04-17-81) JOE Y. KOIZUMI

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club**—Matchmaker Bernie Hall put Jeff Malcolm in with Dave Sarago and billed it for the Australian junior welterweight title. Wal Bentley, trainer-manager of Peter Berrigan, took the club to court, pointing out that Berrigan was champion. Bentley won the case.
The background: Jeff Malcolm, an undoubtedly world class boxer, was Australian champ until he met Dave Sarago in a non-title tilt on February 8. Malcolm, boxing along casually, ran into a bomb in the last round, was decked and dazed. After the bout resumed, he ran into another and the fight was stopped. It was his first K.O. loss in a career of 79 contests, and Malcolm took it to heart. He announced his retirement from boxing before leaving the ring.
A.N.S.W. state junior welter title bout between Peter Berrigan and Graham Bell was scheduled for Cardiff on February 17, and promoter Wal Bentley, Berrigan's trainer, sought permission from the Australian Boxing Federation to bill it for the vacant Australian title. Sanction was granted, and Berrigan won.
A few weeks later, Jeff Malcolm decided on a comeback, with Bernie Hall billing his match with Sarago for the Australian title—the same crown that Malcolm had relinquished by announcing his retirement.
That's when Bentley stepped in with a court action. The judge ruled that Berrigan was champion, and ordered the Central Coast Leagues Club to announce that the Malcolm-Sarago bout was not a title fight. He further ruled that the club had to apologize for advertising it as such, and publicly acknowledge Berrigan as champion. The club complied in every way.
The Malcolm-Sarago contest went on as a 12-round non-title bout, with Malcolm, 139½, winning a split decision over Sarago, 140, in a great battle—the best fight seen in Australia in almost a year. Sarago fought hard all the way, and Malcolm, instead of boxing in his usual manner, fought a furious fight. Apparently, Dave wanted to prove that he could beat Sarago at Dave's own game, just as Sugar Ray Leonard wanted to prove he could outfight Roberto Duran in their first battle. Leonard lost; Malcolm won.
Matchmaker Hall, though, did not see it that way. He sacked referee Paul Moore, who had scored the bout for Malcolm, 118-117, and also told judge Les Gibbons he would not use him again. Les carded it for Malcolm, 117-113. Judge Charkey Ramon had it 118-117, Sarago.
Only one month earlier , Hall had sacked his usual referee, Dal Conway, after he gave a decision with which Hall did not agree.
Six-rounders: Nash Bula, 172, outpointed Young Stone, 177. Peter Batty (AKA Cracker Butcher), 137, halted Patrick Young, 133, in the fourth. Billy Harrison, 147, outscored Ceddy McGrady, 151.
(05-27-81)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Bernie Hall, who is also matchmaker for this club, used Billy Males as his new referee. Billy did not even make the final contest.
Hall fired Males after Billy refereed his third preliminary bout, installing boxer-trainer Johnny Wright to referee the main event. Johnny did not score; three judges were appointed by Bernie Hall.
There was no doubt about the decision in the main bout. Willi Tarika, 135, comfortably outpointed Big Jim West, also 135, 10, in defense of his N.S.W. state lightweight title.
Sparrow Freeman, 125, and Willie Leslie, 133, drew, six.
Billy Harrison, 150, outpointed Clint Brown, 157, six.
Mick Dunningham, 136, and Rod Parker drew, five.
(06-03-81)

▲ **ORANGE—Ex-Services Club**—Former amateur champion Gary Williams, 131, closed southpaw Dennis Talbot's left eye in the second round of their scheduled 12, and referee Billy Males stopped the contest at the end of the stanza after consulting with the ringside doctor. Talbot, who had edged out Williams in their first bout, was down in the second.
Williams, whose loss to Talbot was his only one as a professional, is now scheduled to face Australian triple champion Paul Ferreri for the latter's national featherweight crown.
Former Australian and Commonwealth junior lightweight champion Billy Moeller, 133, came out of a two-year retirement and knocked out Lindsay Roberts, 132, in the third round of a scheduled 10. The big hitting Roberts was decked twice, the second time for the full count.
Sam N'Gata, 204, outpointed Reno Zurik, 182, 10.
Mick Thompson, 148, outscored Ian Walker, 151, six.
Mark McLachlan, 123½, and Mick Barber, also 123½, drew, six.
Graham Gray, 198, halted Bob Jarvis, 190, in the third round of a scheduled four. A cut forced the stoppage.
(05-19-81)

▲ **SUTHERLAND—United Services Club**—Jim Bowen, 122, and Patrick Burns, 119, drew in a very good 10-round bout, with referee Paul Moore's decision being spot on, as this reporter saw it. The bout drew a good shower of coins and notes from ringsiders.
Clint Brown, 165, outpointed Ceddy McGrady, 157, six.
Glenn Baker, 140, stopped Rod Parker, 138, in the third round of a scheduled four.
Ron Rockford, 177, outscored Hamid Mouche, 182, four.
(05-12-81)

▲ **BOSSLEY PARK—Marconi Club**—Promoter Frank Axisa had a great deal of trouble with this card. He originally scheduled Kelly Thompson vs. Rocky Vilella, but Vilella pulled out because (so the story goes) his girl friend wanted him to quit boxing. George Reno agreed to sub, but Kelly Thompson then withdrew. Axisa substituted Mick Thompson (no relation to Kelly), but, two days prior to the fight date, Reno pulled out. He wanted more money than he had agreed to, according to Axisa. Frank finally came up with Buddy Nixon, and Mick Thompson, 152, kayoed Buddy, 149, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Billy Males referee. A promoter's lot is not always a happy one.
Dennis Talbot, 132, outpointed Willie Leslie, 135, six.
Four-rounders: Rod Bell, 129, outscored Mark Aquilina, 130. Tracey Fellows, 141½, and Jim Lagudi, 142, drew. Joe Burruni, 170, stopped Des Valdes, 173, in the first.
(05-15-81)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—John Cotterill, 132, stopped Roger Henry, 131, who went down with an injured knee in the second round of their scheduled 10. This is the second time the knee has "gone." The doctor diagnosed ligament trouble and ruled that Henry must have it repaired before resuming his career.
Lloyd Barrow (previously boxing under his real name, Lloyd Hanna), 138, halted Mark Vallance, 141, in the third round of a scheduled eight.
Roy Hughes, 134, outpointed Patrick Young, also 134, six.
Billy Harrison, 154, stopped Peter Lambert, 156, in the second round of a scheduled four. A cut eye forced the stoppage.
(05-20-81)

▲ **CESSNOCK—Rugby League Supporters Club**—Wayne O'Donnell, 134, halted Rocky Warren, 128, in the third round of a scheduled eight-rounder.
Billy Harrison, 150, and Vinnie Edwards, 148, drew in the co-feature eight. Harrison is a real veteran who had made more comebacks than King Kong. He started in 1962, retired, came back in 1975, retired, came back again in 1977, retired again in 1979, and came back in 1980. He was born in August, 1944.
Four-rounders: Lou Williams, 136, halted Jeff Tills, also 136, in the second. Mark Apollo Smith, 142, outpointed Steve Foster, 148. Tony Dries, 155, outscored Tiger Kelly (not to be confused with Ray Kelly), also 155.
(05-25-81)

▲ **BERRIGAN—Memorial Hall**—Greg Crowe, 158¾, halted Russell Nunn, 154¼, in the first round of a scheduled eight. Nunn was down twice. A good win for Crowe.
Lindsay Goode, 154¼, stopped Greg McGrath, 147¾, in the second frame of a scheduled six.
Jay Crowe, 132¼, halted Col Ford, also 132¼, in the third round of a scheduled four.
Three-rounders: Joe Todaro, 143¼, halted Santo Rech, 145½, in the second. Basil Crowe, 143¼, and Kenny Holt, also 143¼, drew.
(05-29-81)

QUEENSLAND

▲ **SURFERS PARADISE**—Tony Mundine, 172, knocked out British light heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson, 181, in 2:41 of the 10th and final session.
Mundine was ahead by eight points after nine. He'd taken the best Johnson had to offer, but had treated Bunny's power with disdain—even poking out his tongue a couple of times after taking left hooks.
The Australian champ was coasting in the 10th when Johnson hit him hard with a left hook. Mundine immediately cut loose and dropped Johnson with a left hook of his own. Up at six, taking the remaining two seconds while standing, Johnson ran into more trouble. Five seconds later, Tony floored him with a right. This reporter, who served as referee, counted "10" while Johnson was vainly trying to force himself off the canvas.
It had been a very good fight, and a clean one. The attendance was over 5,000, the largest crowd to see a fight in Australia in some time.
Gary Rosen, 137, comfortably outpointed Robert Namana, 134½, Papua, 10.
Clint Brown, 161, halted Mac Foster, 169, in the third round of a scheduled eight.
Junior Thompson, 116, won a split decision over Sparrow Freeman, 120, eight. This contest drew a large shower of money from the fans.
Hilary Connolly refereed the prelims. (05-20-81)

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Steve Aczel, 187, the leading contender for Tony Mundine's heavyweight title, easily stopped Rod Christsen, 182, in the third. Referee Alan Moore (Paul's brother) halted the scheduled 10-round bout.
Brian Janssen, 142, a great prospect, comfortably outpointed Mick Binnie, 144, 10.
Alan Black, 165, outscored Kevin Wagstaff, 164, six.
Guy Parker, 142, stopped Sammy Santon, 136, in the third frame of a scheduled four.
(05-15-81)

▲ **GYMPIE—Showground**—Neil Pattel, 154, stopped Torkano Marcos, 154½, in the seventh session of a scheduled 10. Good fight. Referee Alan Moore stopped it as Marcos was being punished after rising from an eight-count.
Rex Cannon, 132¾, retained his Queensland State lightweight crown with a decision over Match Poppins (AKA Ted Hopkins), also 132¾, 10. This was also a good fight.
(05-24-81) RAY MITCHELL

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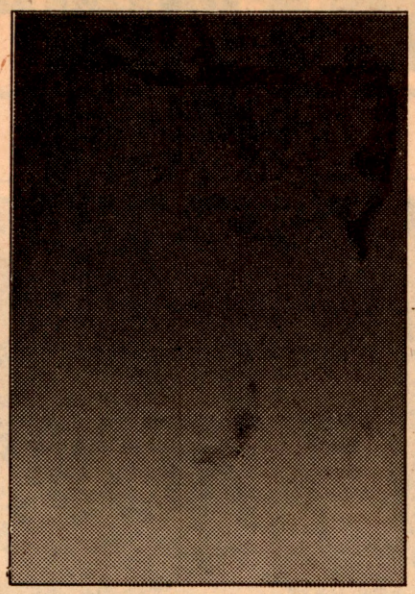

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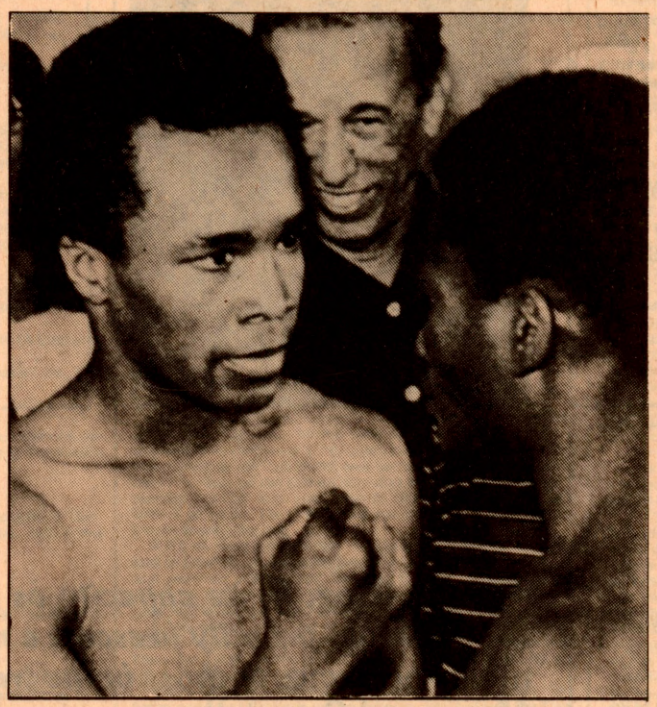
Jimmy Young decisioned Jeff Simms, 10
Jimmy Young outpointed Marvin Stinson, 10
Chris MacDonald stopped Steve Mormino, 4
Mitchell Green outpointed Melvin Epps, 6
Leroy Caldwell outscored Dave Johnson, 10
Dennis Reilly kayoed Tom Fennell, 1

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Jeff Lampkin kayoed Ernest Whitmire, 3
Dennis Fikes knocked out Charles Roye, 4
Jim Kinchen TKO'd Ruben Rascon, 1
Muhammad Shabazz stopped Matty Ross, 6

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Vinnie Curto decisioned Ted Mann, 10
Tony Ayala stopped Jerry Cheatham, 6
Alex Ramos outpointed Mike Sacchetti, 8
Mark Holmes knocked out Sal Saladin, 1
Ronnie Harris knocked out Leroy Green, 2
Miguel Sanchez TKO'd Al Romano, 2
Caveman Lee kayoed John LoCicero, 5
Nathanial Akabar outpointed Jeff Maddison, 8
James Shuler TKO'd Ken Hodges, 3
Guy Kennedy stopped Steve Small, 6

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Sugar Ray Leonard stopped Ayub Kalule, 9 (Won World Title)
Marvin Shuler TKO'd John Morgan, 2
Graylin Curry decisioned Geraldo Jimenez, 8
Rodney Trusel outpointed Nate Steward, 10
James Green beat Mario Maldonado, 8

WELTERWEIGHTS
Thomas Hearns knocked out Pablo Baez, 4 (Retained WBA Title)
Pipino Cuevas stopped Jorgen Hansen, 1
Marlon Starling TKO'd Juan Hidalgo, 2
Milton McCrory halted Steve Hearon, 8
Davey Moore stopped Kevin Rooney, 7
Tom Moody and Tim Harris drew, 6
Kevin Howard halted Felix Nance, 4
Don Curry kayoed Eddie Campbell, 6
Bobby Joe Young beat Michael Herron, 8



JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Aaron Pryor knocked out Lennox Blackmoore,2 (Retained World Title)
Johnny Bumphus knocked out Armando Ramirez, 4
Patrick Jefferson TKO'd Lalo Carrera, 4
Ricardo Jimenez outpointed Basukui Onate, 10
Manny Lopez stopped Robert Turner, 8
Billy Costello defeated Rosendo Ramirez, 8
Herb Darity iced Sean McGarry, 1

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Alexis Arguello decisioned Jim Watt, 15 (Won World Title)
Blaine Dickson kayoed Manuel Abedoy, 6
Mike Reid stopped Jose Vasquez, 6
Lonnie Smith bombed Bobby Kreuger, 1
Tony Baltazar knocked out Sonny Perez, 5
Carlton Sparrow KO over Alberto Jones, 2
Lionel Johnson TKO'd Bennie Worthly, 1
Curtis Harris beat James Martinez, 12 (Won Vacant USBA Title)
Anthony Fletcher stopped Sammy Goss, 2

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Samuel Serrano outpointed Leonel Hernandez, 15 (Retained World Title)
Rocky Garcia stopped Reynaldo Zaragoza, 9
Ricky Wallace defeated Daniel Cruz, 6

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Jaime Garza knocked out Franco Torregoza, 1
Hurley Snead kayoed James Tolliver, 6

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Mario Chavez TKO'd Gilberto Villacana, 5
Richie Sandoval stopped Javier Barajas, 4
Daryl Jones decisioned Luis Cese, 6
Alvaro Ramos outpointed Mario Noriega, 6

FLYWEIGHTS
Ian Clyde kayoed Jesus Castro, 1

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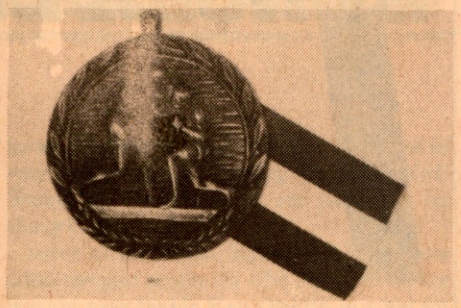

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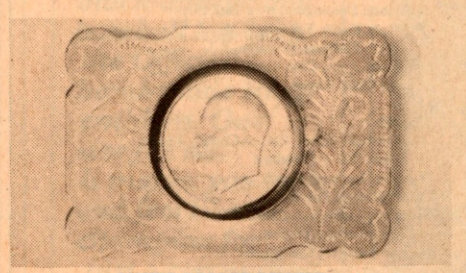

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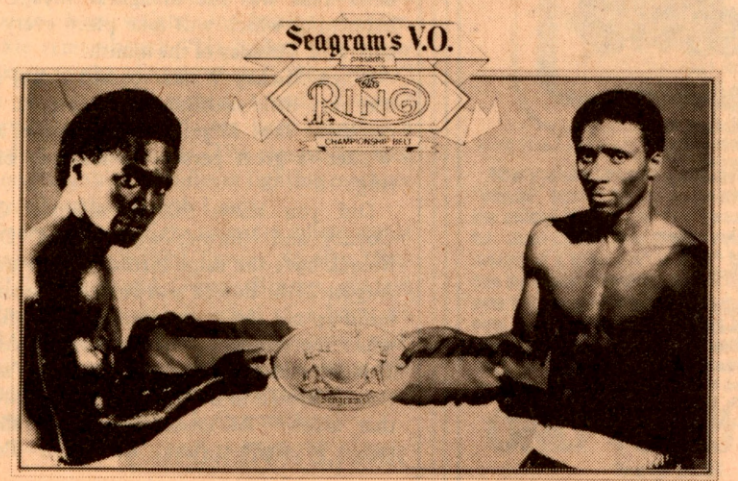

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RANKED BY EXPERTS AS ONE OF THE greatest middleweight champions, Stanley Ketchell, whose real name was Stanislaus Kaicel, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 14th, 1887 of mixed German and Polish ancestry. Ketchell had 60 fights in a brief career with only four losses. Two of those losses occurred shortly after he started fighting. Ketchell was shot and killed by Walter A. Dipley at Conway, Missouri, October 15th, 1910, at the peak of his fistic prime.

A crowd of 3,261 gathered at Billy Bob's in Forth Worth, Texas recently. In a scene right out of "Urban Cowboy", a ring is located smack in the middle of one of the club's many dance floors. Fort Worth got its first taste of professional boxing—Billy Bob's style, that is. A band entertained the crowd as most tried to locate their ringside seats or tables. The fights were moved from their normal site at the Will Rogers Coliseum, because it could be held more cheaply at Billy Bob's, according to promoter Lester Bedford. And it brings in the beer drinking crowd who can just pull up a chair ringside and watch a night's boxing for $20. The biggest roar of the night came when Billy Bob's version of the Las Vegas ring girl strolled the ring looking her Texas best. This was the inaugural voyage of a happening which will take place every first and third Tuesday of the month.

When Mickey Walker passed away, there was very little mention in the papers. How can fight fans forget? It is a shame about Walker—a great person, in and out of the ring.

Did you know that Gentleman Gerry Cooney and "former white hope" Duane Bobick have the same birthday? The date is August 24th. Bobick was subject to a similar build-up not too many years ago, but fizzled when the moment of truth arrived. Angelo Dundee told me a few years back, "I'm not that interested in Bobick, he doesn't show me that much." As usual, Dundee, a shrewd judge of fighter flesh, was right—Bobick

never did materialize, but he did have a lot of very knowledgeable boxing people fooled. Should be interesting to see just how far Gerry Cooney will go . . .

Sorry to learn that Steve Belloise, former middleweight contender who lost twice to my late old navy buddy Ken Overlin in a bid for title honors, is under intensive care at the Bronx Veterans Hospital. Belloise was responsible for the early retirement of Sammy Luftspring, the former Canadian champ, when he damaged Sammy's eye in their bout . . . Also, Fritzi Zivic suffered a stroke and is located at the Veterans Hospital, Aspinwall, Delalield, Pa. . Send these two gallant ring warriors of yesteryear a card—They'd love to hear from boxing fans . . . Lou Brouillard is now in a rest home in Plymouth-Mass. Brouillard, a former world welterweight and middleweight champion who beat Mickey Walker in his hey-day has lost his memory. It's a shame, these fellows who did so much for boxing and got so little out of it in their own day, are today forgotten men.

Lots of today's fight people don't remember Johnny Paychek. Johnny, who hailed from Des Moines, Iowa, had the dubious distinction of being kayoed by Joe Louis. Paychek was managed by Harold Steinman and later by my good friend Pinkie George, still based in that Iowa city. Paychek—dubbed as the "Fighting Bellhop" because he once toted bags at the Hotel Chamberlain—was the rave of the mid-west. Steinman wanted to pit Paychek with Louis and Pinkie George said at the time: "My God, I wouldn't let Johnny shake hands with Louis, never mind fight him." The fight was closed—despite Pinkie's warning.

So, on March 29th, 1940, Johnny Paychek crawled into the ring at Madison Square Garden in New York to face perhaps the greatest heavyweight in boxing history. Pinkie remembered: "He looked like a guy walking to the electric chair." The "fight" was over in the second round. Paychek dropped with a thud, his head banging a requiem on the canvas. The closest he came to touching this magnificent fighting machine was shaking hands with Louis.

George Katz, a fight manager whose stable of boxers included Gil Turner, Stanley "Kitten" Hayward and George Benton, died in Abington Memorial Hospital of a heart attack. He was 76 and had been associated with boxing business for over 50 years. George will be sorely missed by the boxing gentry.

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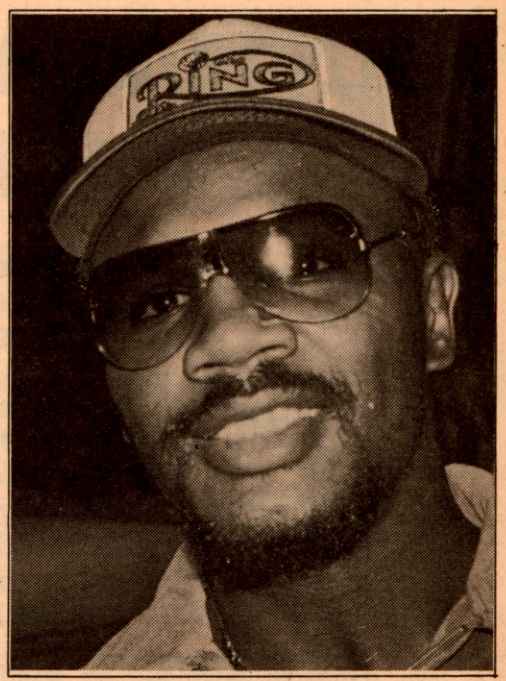

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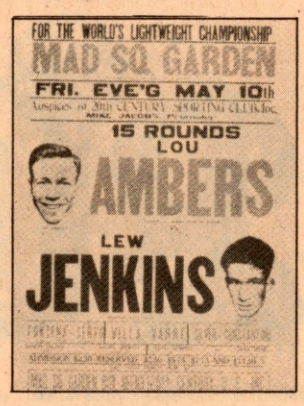

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JUNE 11TH MARKED THE 50TH ANNIVERsary of the opening of the Jim Jeffries Barn, which was located at Victory Blvd. and Buena Vista in Burbank, Calif. A revival of boxing is planned for this site which is currently the Machinists Hall . . . Jim Jeffries reigned as world heavyweight champion from 1899 to 1905, retiring undefeated to his 107-acre ranch in Burbank. Coaxed out of retirement in 1910, Jeffries lost to Jack Johnson in Reno, Nevada . . . Taking part in the anniversary gala will be several veteran boxers associations and the Cauliflower Alley Club of Hollywood, California.

Tony Unitas, chairman of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame has notified this column that the annual dinner and induction ceremonies of the Hall of Fame will take place at the Hotel Toronto in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on the 30th October.

Sammy Luftspring, who retired as the undefeated Welterweight Champion of Canada and was a top contender for the world title, has written his autobiography, "Call Me Sammy". The book is the story of a man who met life on its own terms—and won. . . . An errant thumb in the eye by contender Steve Belloise, in a pre-title bout in New York City, finished his career as a boxer. Sammy later became a club owner, a restauranteur and a referee. He was managed by Al Weill, who also managed four world champions, including Rocky Marciano . . . Today, he is the chief boxing referee in Ontario and for 40 years has been the third man in the ring for the majority of more important contests in Canada, including Chuvallo

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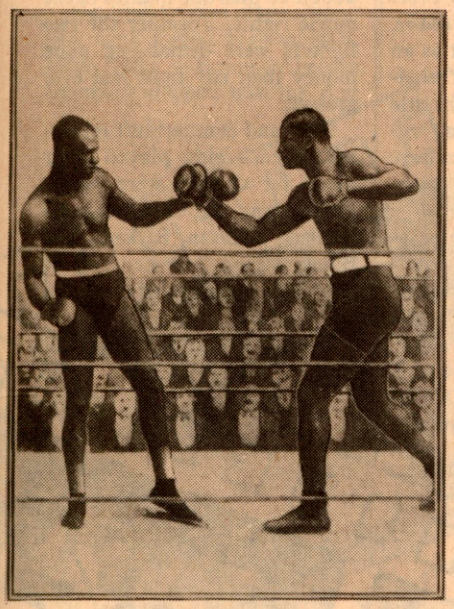

over 2,000 other contests. . . . A few years ago, Luftspring hit the headlines when, in a ten-round main event at Toronto's Royal York Hotel between Panama's Humberto Trottman and Canada's Clyde Gray, Trottman hit referee Luftspring a stunning blow to the head after the bell sounded for the fifth round. Sammy turned on the fighter, punching and pummeling him all over the ring. He then calmly walked over to Clyde Gray and awarded him the fight . . . Sammy is a member of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. Contact 4001 Bayview Ave., Apt 211, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.

The Golden State Boxer's Association, out of Hollywood, California, has been revived, after being dormant for several years. George Levine, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday is President. Levine fought five welter champions . . . Hugh Sublett, a former lightweigth contender who fought Joe Brown, is the treasurer and boxing writer George Luckman is the secretary. Contact Noble Kid Chissell, 820 N. Columbus Ave., Glendale, Calif., 91203.

The Second Annual Banquet of Champions will take place at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, Calif., on August 21, 1981. The Chairman of the dinner, Everett L. Sanders, a former four-time Commissioner of the California State Athletic Commission, is also chairman of the California-based Cauliflower Alley Club. Contact: Suite 9, 10407 Bogardus Avenue, Whittier, Calif. 90603.

VBA, Ring 4, of Boston, has a new slate of officers for 1981. They are: President Pete Modica, 1st V.P. Buddy Hayes, 2nd V.P. Don O'Neill, Treasurer Joe Nolan and Secretary Pat Leonard. Former world featherweight champion Sal Bartolo, the past president, also performed the induction ceremonies. . . . President Ronald Reagan sent a letter and birthday card to Ring 4 member Bil Follis who was 99 years old January 1, 1981. Also, member Gus Raime, a youngster who was born October 12, 1896. Both members were honored at the annual banquet on May 30th, 1981. . . . Contact: Pat Leonard, 27 Parkside Circle, P.O. Box 362, Braintree, mass. 02184.

Artie DeLuca, a former 145-pounder contender, is now totally confined to his home with arthritis in the legs. Artie, a stalwart of VBA Ring 31 of South Florida, says, "It's not being able to be with the lads at the meetings" . . . Allie Wolff, Ruby Goldstein, Petey Scalzo, Bennie Nabors and Harry Kid Farlo, and the president of Ring 31, Benny Novelline send their best to their N.Y. pals of Ring 8 through this column.

Former fighter Leroy Jackson, is now residing at Miami Beach, and has a manager's license from the Miami Commission. One of his boxers is 165-pounder Ron Robinson, who is being trained by former world lightweight king, Beau Jack, at the Morrpark Gym, Miami. . . . The International VBA convention will be held on September 18-19-20 at the Belfior Hotel, South Fallsburg, N.Y. Honorees will be Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale, two former world middleweight champions. President Al "Scoop" Gallello expects it to be the best convention ever.

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GREAT KO'S

DEMPSEY—CARPENTIER

In February, 1920, Jack Dempsey was indicted by a federal grand jury in San Francisco for draft evasion. He stood accused of violation of the Selective Service Act and making false statements to the district draft board in San Francisco. Even though the jury brought in a verdict dismissing the charge, the taint remained. Jack Dempsey had been a "slacker."

The charge and the resultant stigma together with Dempsey's lackluster defense of his crown against Brennan provided Tex Rickard with a matchmaker's dream and the opportunity to attain his goal of a million-dollar gate.

Rickard's announced philosophy was "Give the people what they want, the way they want it, and not the way you think best." Now he was prepared to give them what they wanted: a fight between Georges Carpentier and Jack Dempsey. Few professional judges of fighters agreed that it would be the best, but Rickard wasn't counting on them to buy many tickets.

At that moment in time, the light-heavyweight champion and one of the leading boxers in the world was a handsome French war hero named "Gorgeous" Georges Carpentier. Carpentier and been a professional boxer for fourteen years, fighting in every division from bantamweight up as he matured. He had won all his six postwar fights by knockouts and had captured the light heavyweight crown by knocking out Battling Levinsky in four rounds in October 1920. But what made Carpentier a "natural" opponent for Dempsey was not his ring record but his war record. While Dempsey was labeled a "slacker," Carpentier was a bona fide hero, having spent eighteen months at the front flying a two-seater observation plane. He had been wounded twice and received the *Croix de Gerre* and *Medaille Militaire.* Rickard saw the fight not as an overgrown middleweight challenging for the heavyweight title but as a "hero" against a "villain." It was a classic matchup. A draw with a potential million-dollar gate.

Rickard put together a loose-fitting international consortium with British theatrical impresario Charles B. Cochran, who had an option on Carpentier's services and the money for the bout as well. Associated with Cochran was his American representative, William A. Brady, who had formerly managed both Corbett and Jeffries and had been associated with Cochran in some of his across-the-sea theatrical productions.

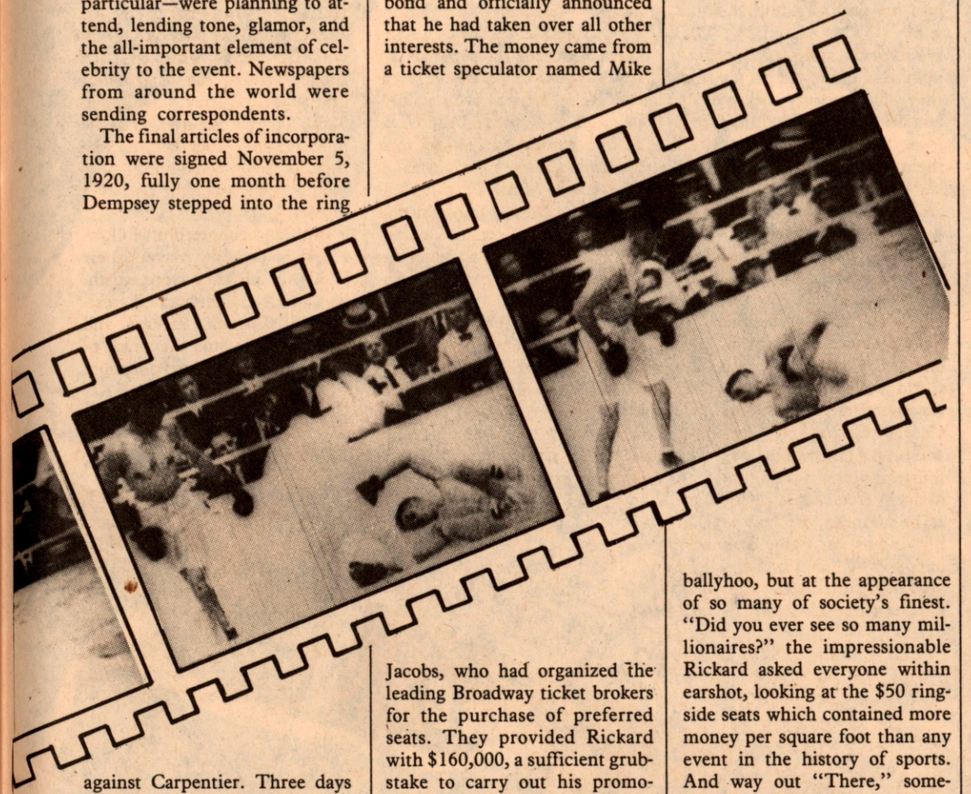
Still Rickard was not prepared for the demands from the two participants. Doc Kearns demanded $300,000 and 25 percent of the film rights for the champion Dempsey. Carpentier, speaking through his French-speaking manager, Francois Descamps who, in turn spoke through his interpreter, crafty Jack Curley, demanded $200,000 plus one-quarter of the movie rights. Together the two fighters were demanding more money than any fight had ever grossed.

Bluff and counterbluff followed, as each side played their hands for all they were worth. But Kearns' high-handed treatment of Cochran, Rickard, and Brady soon incited the wrath of the press. Kearns tried one more bluff, trotting out two waiters posing as "Cuban millionaires" to go through a ritualistic contract signing. It worked. The promoters gave in, hot on the scent of the elusive million-dollar gate.

The excitement was contagious. The first truly international fight in more than a decade attracted global attention. David Sarnoff arranged with Rickard to broadcast the fight on radio, the first major sporting event ever to grace the airwaves. Society in general—and ladies in particular—were planning to attend, lending tone, glamor, and the all-important element of celebrity to the event. Newspapers from around the world were sending correspondents.

The final articles of incorporation were signed November 5, 1920, fully one month before Dempsey stepped into the ring against Carpentier. Three days before, the country had had its first postwar election and, yearning to return to a nebulous state called Normalcy, it had swept out the Democrats. In the Harding landslide, New York State had elected Republican Nathan Miller governor. The new governor banned the Dempsey-Carpentier fight on the grounds that half a million dollars was too much to pay a pair of prizefighters for a few minutes work at a time when thousands of men were out of work. That was enough for Cochran and Brady. Feigning headaches like an unwilling wife, they retired from the scene, leaving Rickard alone.

Rickard decided to do what came naturally: gamble. Short of funds—but not friends—Rickard posted the $100,000 promoter's bond and officially announced that he had taken over all other interests. The money came from a ticket speculator named Mike Jacobs, who had organized the leading Broadway ticket brokers for the purchase of preferred seats. They provided Rickard with $160,000, a sufficient grubstake to carry out his promotional plans.



Rickard had the right "mix": a handsome war hero, the darling of society who had led a charmed life and was called The Orchid Man (the title of his movie then making the rounds) versus a forboding animalistic former hobo with a dark stubble of beard, who possessed no charm and had been labeled a "slacker" by a federal grand jury. It was a classic matchup for hero and villain and Rickard ballyhooed it for all it was worth. Plenty.

On the afternoon of Saturday, July 2, 1921, eighty thousand fans crammed their "asses" into the rickety stadium just outside Jersey City, paying a still-record $1,789,238. Rickard was not only amazed at the success of the ballyhoo, but at the appearance of so many of society's finest. "Did you ever see so many millionaires?" the impressionable Rickard asked everyone within earshot, looking at the $50 ringside seats which contained more money per square foot than any event in the history of sports. And way out "There," somewhere east of Newark, the cheaper seats began to sway precariously under the excited movement of thousands of fans.

As the appointed time of 3:30 approached and the last two preliminary fighters—A.E.F. champion Gene Tunney and Soldier Jones—had left the ring, the sweatered Dempsey and the robed Carpentier began to make their way into the vast amphitheater. There they were greeted by the full-throated roars of the 80,000-plus spectators and the sounds of trumpets blaring forth "La Marseillaise." The far more popular Carpentier received the adulation of the crowd, while Dempsey merely got the ovation due a champion—comingled with more than a few shouts of "slacker."

A few prefight words from Rickard admonishing Dempsey not "to spoil it," and the fight was on. At the bell, the challenger, looking smaller than his announced 172 pounds, came out jabbing. The champion answered with a left hook to the body followed by a straight right to the nose. In the second, the challenger attacked and nailed Dempsey with a hard right high on the head. He pursued his advantage, driving Dempsey to the ropes where he landed several more hard punches to the head of the obviously disturbed champion. As the bell sounded for the third round the real possibility existed that not only would Carpentier "make a fight of it," but that the championship might actually change hands. Dempsey decided he had had enough. Rickard and the crowd had gotten their money's worth. Now it was Carpentier's turn in the barrel. The 3-to-1 favorite landed punch after punch on the almost-defenseless Frenchman as he swayed in front of the oncoming champion in cadence with the swaying stands that rimmed the stadium. A full three minutes of pummeling closed one of the challenger's eyes and caused his body to turn lobster red. Only the bell staved off the inevitable as the wounded Frenchman barely made it back to his corner. Two short lefts accompanied by a crushing right put the challenger down. He dragged himself up, barely beating the count and was met by yet another flurry of punches. He went down again and curled up womb-like on the canvas. Major Andrew White screamed into his ringside microphone: "The Frenchman is down!" . . . three . . . four . . . Carpentier makes no effort to rise . . . six . . . seven . . . he's lying there . . . nine, ten . . . He's out. The fight is over! Jack Dempsey remains the heavyweight champion of the world!"

JIMMY JACOBS

Come here kid, I wanna give you a little smack! Alan Minter and Vito in their first duet in Las Vegas.

by reg gutteridge

MICKEY DUFF THE BOXING PROMOTER WHO DRESSES BRITISH AND THINKS YIDDISH

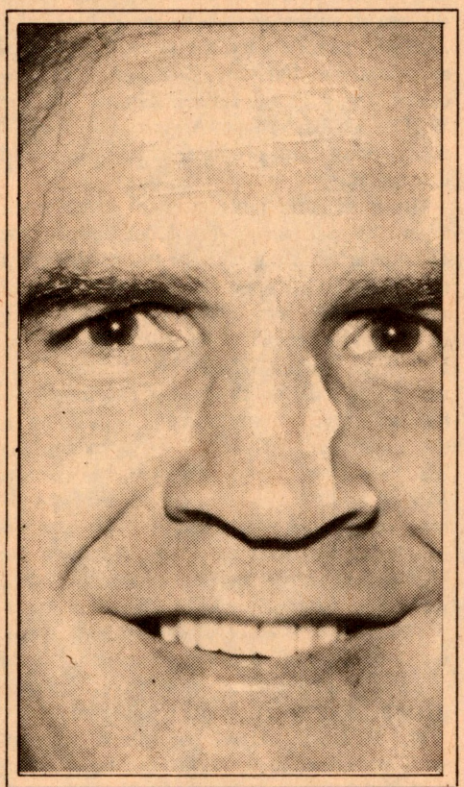
WHEN JIMMY CAGNEY played the part of Jackie Boy Duffy in the movie CASH AND CARRY little did he realize that he was providing a poor Polish kid with a name, a lifestyle and an image. But then again, the man who portrayed the boxer in CITY FOR CONQUEST and THE IRISH IN US never knew he was to make as lasting an impression on those who participated in the fight game as George Raft did for those who served as lodge members in the game of racketeering—Al Capone copying all of Raft's moves as those of a "real", as opposed to a "reel", gangster. One of the minions who patterned himself after Cagney was that same Polish kid, son of a Krakow rabbi named Monek Prager.

When World War II consumed Europe, the Prager family departed from Tarnova, Poland, to the safer pastures of London. Sent to a Jewish hostel in the North to devote himself to religious pursuits, the twelve-year-old Monek devoted himself to the pursuit of more wordly considerations, boxing. Eighteen months later, weighing all of 72 lbs., he reached the London schoolboy finals. Nothing could be less rabbinical. Nor has anything been the same since.

Enter Cagney, stage left. Or, more correctly, enter Cagney's nom-de-movie, "Jackie Boy Duffy," stage left. For it was at this magic moment that Prager adopted the name "Duffy"—later shortened to "Duff"—to prevent his parents from discovering his whereabouts and his whatabouts. Under the name "Duff"—the "Mickey" came from his given name Monek—Prager fought as many as 13 shows a day at fairgrounds, fighting for shillings and whatever else the crowd threw in his direction, and trebling in brass as barker and sometimes "challenger" from the crowd.

Today that same "Duffy" is Mickey Duff, undeniably most influential figure on the current British boxing scene.

"As a matchmaker I'd never have booked myself. I was a stinker," he says, looking back. Clever enough to count the house as a 16-year-older, he became the world's youngest matchmaker and promoter at 20, developing something akin to a surgeon's skill when it came to operating on purses.



Mickey Duff.

"My wife and I had built up a clothing business—would you believe making "Duffle" coats?—but I preferred to make half as much in boxing. And that not guaranteed!"

Mickey met Londoner Marie after her brother, Henry Simmons, then Jack Solomons' office boy and a budding boxer in his own right, asked the preliminary boxer for his autograph. They have since survived years of marital ups-and-downs like the irrepressible Mickey's fight-game life. In fact, they have been described as the British Burns and Allen of the boxing biz.

The success which has propelled the little twelve-year-old immigrant to near-millionaire at the age of 52 has been achieved through tireless effort, the readiness to hop a plane anywhere around the world and the willingness to take chances. He has combined all three to the point where he now enjoys the peak strength of Jack Solomons and Harry Levene, who once controlled the British boxing game. But then again, no other person, or even combine, have been willing to live the game like Duff.

Partner of Levene and Mike Barrett for the big London shows, a director of several black-

tie hotel club shows, the registered manager of a stable of world-famous boxers—including WBC Super Featherweight Champ Cornelius Boza-Edwards—Duff's domain extends from places as far apart economically and geographically as Newcastle in the hard industrial area of England to the plush high-rolling confines of Las Vegas casinos. A throwback to the old-time promoter who worked out of his suitcase, Duff has done everything—down to, and including, posting his own showcards, something for which he was once fined. But Duff has overcome many problems on his way to the top. Some of his competitors have resorted to introducing legislation to stop him, one such bill attempting to impose a restriction on the number of promoters a matchmaker could represent, another calling attention to the fact that he was not a naturalized British subject—something Duff remedied on his 37th birthday. But regardless of what his competitors try to do to derail the Duff express, he has outlasted and outsmarted all of them by relying on one factor: hard work. And plenty of it, showing more strokes than Minnesota Fats in a convulsive fit.

Some have called him a one-man erector set; his detractors say Mickey is like a moth, hovering around everything.

Duff, who punctuates his spiels with an accompanying spray, admits "It hasn't always been easy. But we've taken gambles when others have only talked about it. We get the buildings because we produced a proper track record. There's money to be won and lost in boxing. But it's the same people—the pros—who win."

And this winner is not shy about talking, and talking, and talking. He talks to—and at—you, suffering from an acute case of verbal diarrhea, never using one word when ten will do. He creates enemies envious of his success, argues with an abrasive stubborness and outshouts the best. In short, he cannot be ignored, particularly when he picks embarrassing sites—such as a Caesars Palace coffee shop or a London Airport check-in counter—to deliver his side of an argument. And then, at the top of his lungs. His run-ins have included a top-of-the-voice encounter with the equally voluble Bob Arum in Munich and one with Howard Davis' managers, Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones, which now has become a legal duel. Duff's screaming encounters would have made Henry VIII green with envy, if not rage.

Inevitably, the uninformed accuse Duff of managing the champions he promotes. Not so. The accusations infuriate Terry Lawless, who produced Jim Watt and Maurice Hope; Doug Bidwell, manager and father-in-law of Alan Minter; and Andy Smith who guided Joe Bugner and Dave Green.

All are grateful for Duff's guidance and faith. Lawless says "Mickey and I have worked together for many years. I guarantee we have more rows than anyone maybe we know each other's faults. But in the end I know he will do a professional job. He's never let me down. But when it comes to dealing in America and I can't be there he will phone day and night to get my O.K. before he makes a deal. I'm boss of my boxers. But I'll not even try to convince those smart asses who think otherwise. "Then, in an aside to this writer, who has known both for years, he adds "You know the truth because you've known us since we were kids in the game."

Certainly, Duff never owned a piece of earlier world champions John Conteh, Ken Buchanan or Howard Winstone, though he made the matches for Conteh, and Winstone when they became champions. He has had running battles with Conteh, winning a court action, never staged a Buchanan title fight, and publicly announced a break-up of his business relationship—now apparently repaired—with Winstone's manager, Eddie Thomas.

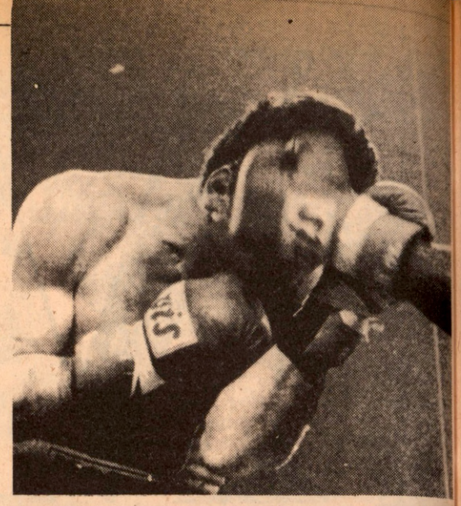
(Duff, incidentally, was billed to fight Thomas in the Welshman's first pro four-rounder at Harringay Arena in 1946, but was a better judge than his manager. He declined, but not before he copped a competitor's pass. Thomas later became British and European welter champion and also defeated New Yorker Billy Graham.)

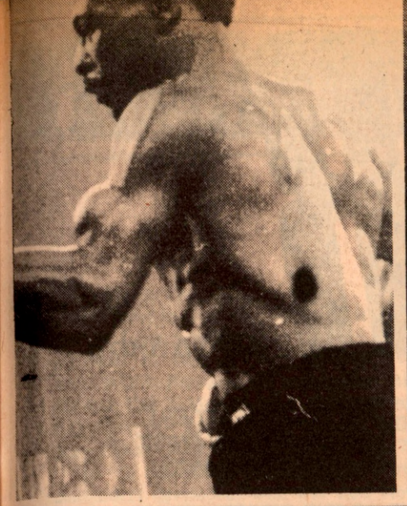
The Maneuvering of Watt, Hope, Minter and the amiable but pedestrian Bugner was masterful. But clearly Duff's most satisfying achievement was Ugandan Corney Boza-Edwards, a product of a London amateur club, whom he took on a globetrotting tour of the world, with stopovers in San Remo, Italy, Zambia, Atlantic City, Glasgow, San Diego, and finally to Fat City, Stockton, Calif., to convincingly clout Rafael Limon for the WBC 130 lbs. crown. At last, the man of many parts had produced his own world champion.

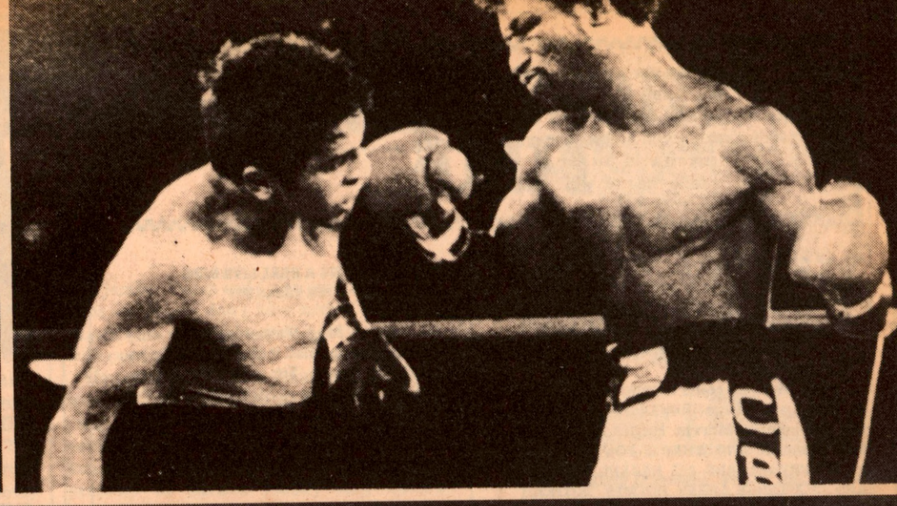
His most forgettable moment came when adonis Bugner froze in a 100 degrees-plus for 15 rounds "fighting" Ali for the heavyweight title in Kuala Lumper. Much ado about nothing. The most memorable came in attempting to revive the reluctant Bugner against Ron Lyle in Las Vegas. When all looked lost, Duff was reminded that the Nevada Commission had permitted an experimental captioning of the judges' scores on TV between rounds. The score was even after eight rounds. Mickey, acting as the radio between-rounds man, immediately excused himself and appeared in Bugner's corner to convince the Hungarian he still had a chance. The chat was to fail, as was Bugner's career.

There are a million Duff-isms drawn from a well of jokes, and a sometimes cynical sense of humor, although there is a surprising sensitivity behind the tough-guy Cagney image.

But the Duff spiel will continue to be heard with considerable force on the fight front-both in Britain and the U.S. Now more so than ever before.

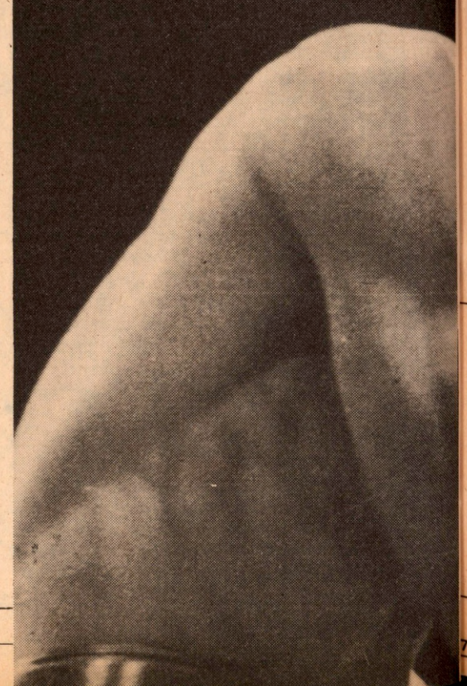






Above left: Hope on the Rocks. Mattioli takes a left from Maurice and lost a TKO

Above right: Who's a Boza Cornelius cracks Chacon in a fight for the Super feather title.
Bottom: Ah . . . Watt's up Howard Davis ducks to avoid the champ's attack.



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By Red Smith

WERE WRITERS CONNED IN FIRST LOUIS-CONN?

ONE OF THE INDESTRUCTIBLE MYTHS of sports tells us that Billy Conn would have won the heavyweight championship of the world in his first bout with Joe Louis if he had not recklessly abandoned his hit-and-run tactics, tried to slug it out with Joe, and been knocked kicking. Like the ones about Abner Doubleday inventing baseball and Babe Ruth calling his home run in the 1932 World Series, this is a dandy myth, lacking nothing but truth.

To be sure, after 12 rounds Conn did have a lead on the official scorecards—a three-round margin on one, a two-round margin edge on another and the fighters were all square at 6-6 on the third. However, there were three rounds to go, and if Billy had tried to coast through them he could have lost the fight on points.

In the second place, as viewed from my seat in the press row, there was no visible change in Conn's tactics. He had been living on the brink of disaster from the opening bell, and he just got caught, as did most of Louis's adversaries.

Now comes a letter from Harry Markson, boxing director emertius for Madison Square Garden:

"Murray Lewin was a New York Mirror boxing writer who used to write: 'If in the event. . . .' which his copy desk never thought it necessary to correct. And so, if in the event you are interested, herewith some info re: the first Louis-Conn fight on June 18, 1941, at the old, old Polo Grounds, as Joe Cook, post-World War I musical comedy star, used to refer to the Giants' ball park.

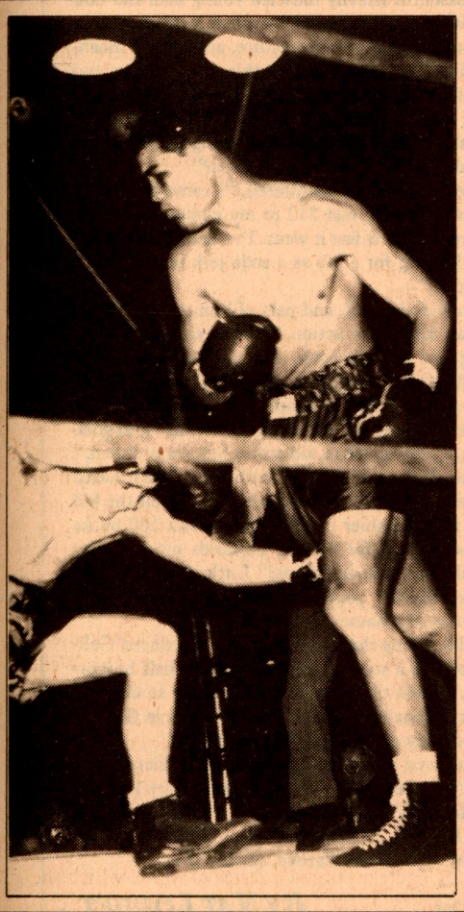
"Background: After Louis had knocked out Arturo Godoy, Chile Chinchiller, (Al Weill used that in a publicity release: it didn't catch on) in their second fight in June 1940, there were no more opponents of any merit available. After several months of ring inactivity, Louis grew restless. Promoter Mike Jacobs decided it would be better for the Brown Bomber to fight a nobody than just nobody and so he arranged a series of fights which the late Jack Miley immediately labeled the Bum-

of-the-Month Club.

"It started in December with Al McCoy in Boston. Louis won in the sixth round. There followed: in January—Red Burman, New York, KO 5; February—Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, KO 2; March—Abe Simon, Detroit, KO 13; April—Tony Musto, St. Louis, KO 9; May—Buddy Baer, Washington, W Disq. 7.

"In the meantime, two seemingly worthy contenders developed. One was Lou Nova, California heavyweight, whose convincing victories over Pat Comiskey and Max Baer climaxed a comeback following a knockout at the hands of Tony Galento in 1938. The other was Billy Conn, brash Pittsburgh light-heavyweight champion who had beaten a string of heavyweight opponents: Bob Pastor, Lee Savold, Gunnar Barlund, Buddy Knox.

"Various members of the press and a few of Promoter Jacobs's business associates urged him to match Nova and Conn, with the winner to face Louis in June. 'Nuts to that,' said Jacobs. 'Nova and Conn could be a lousy fight and then I don't have nothin' for June. Match 'em separately, and I could wind up with two fights for Joe.'



He proceeded to close Louis and Conn. (It was easier in those days—no lawyers, accountants, tax advisers or TV packages. 'You get 40 percent,' Jacobs told John Roxborough and Julian Black, Louis's managers. 'You get 20 percent,' he advised Johnny Ray, Conn's manager. 'Out of my end I pay all expenses, including rent for the ball park.' Everybody was happy.)

"Louis, who usually trained at Pompton Lakes, N.J., moved to Greenwood Lake, N.Y., to prepare for the contest. Conn took over the Pompton Lakes camp.

"Louis had weighed over 200 pounds for each of his Bum-of-the-Month fights but, knowing that Conn would weigh in at less than 175 for their fight, Joe trained especially hard to get his weight down under 200. He scaled 199½; Conn balanced out at 174 although boxing commission aides whispered that he really weighed only 169. (For the record, Bill generally weighed 174-175 when facing heavyweights, under 170 for all light-heavies):

"This is how the officials voted:

Eddie Joseph, referee

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Marty Monroe, judge

L L C C L L C C C E C C—7 4 1

Billy Healy, judge

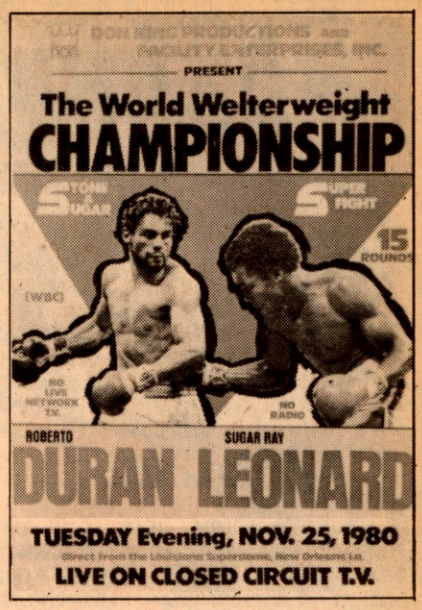
L L C C L L L C C L C C—6 6 0

"Note the near unanimity in scoring. Only two rounds (7 & 10) were marked by differences of opinion and of these the 10th, was called even by Monroe. The referee had one or both judges agreeing with him in every single round.

"The fight ended at 2:58 of the 13th. If Conn had survived the round, the beating he absorbed made it appear certain Louis would have won the last two, which would have made the score: Joseph—Louis, 8 to 7; Healy—Louis 9-6; Monroe—7-7-1. (A draw decision in a title bout favors the champion.)

"The crowd was 60,071. The gross gate was $453,743, the net $386,012. Louis received $154,404; Conn $77,202.

"Oh, yes. Mike also got his second fight—Louis knocked out Nova in the sixth round at the Polo Grounds on Sept. 29, 1941.



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BYE, DANIEL

POMPANO BEACH, FLA., JULY 1 (AP)—DAN DANIEL, CONSIDERED BY MOST THE DEAN OF AMERICAN BASEBALL WRITERS, DIED EARLY TODAY AT CYPRESS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. HE WAS 91 YEARS OLD.—N.Y. TIMES, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1981.

I was given an envelope by Dan Daniel when he retired from THE RING at the age of 83. He asked me to hold it until his death and THEN open it. I did. The writing on the envelope reads: "Perhaps of interest about Dan Daniel." Inside was this message:

DANIEL M. DANIEL
BORN NEW YORK, JUNE 6, 1890

On the event of my death, which is scheduled within the next 15 years, it may be of interest to the New York Times and THE RING that I am the only baseball writer in the U.S. who has achieved every distinction it is possible for a baseball writer to attain. Viz- Elected to the Hall of Fame Writers section • Member of the Hall of Fame committee for selection of veteran players • President of Baseball Writers Association—Chairman of New York Chapter for 5 consecutive years • Member of the Baseball Rules Committee • President Boxing Writers Assn. • Chairman (one man Com.) 1929, 1930, 1931, of Committee of the City of New York for conduct of sports events for relief of poor • Made over a million, brought in Tennessee and Colgate football teams. Introduced college basketball in Garden • (That Irish did is a fable) President Football Writers Assn. • With The Ring since it started in 1922. Denoted the Boxing Writers Association Writer of Year 1974 by a committee including a theatre press agent who never wrote a line of boxing.

Dan's first job, during he summers, was helping his father, a pioneer builder, at the construction sites. At the age of 15 he entered CCNY, intending to pursue a career in medicine, but "I had too squeamish a stomach and deep down I had been bitten by the writing bug." He began to haunt the offices of the old NEW YORK HERALD, finally nailing a part time position in the sports department.

Daniel rose to become the world's top authority on baseball—referred to by his peers as "Mr. Baseball." He had a wide knowledge of all sports and as a columnist for THE WORLD TELEGRAM and THE TELEGRAM AND SUN, under the bylines "By Daniel", "Ask Daniel" and "Daniel's Dope"—feature material covering a broad spectrum.

Due to his friendship with Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING—which dated back to their days at CCNY together—his second most active interest in sports became boxing. When Fleischer started THE RING in 1922, Dan was with his friend and remained associated with THE RING throughout his newspaper career, and later on after drifting away from his newspaper endeavours, he was to spend the remainder of his active career as the associate editor of THE RING MAGAZINE.

Language was Dan's own particular playpen. If the common word did not suite him, he'd coin his own. To a friend setting up a business outside of New York: "Anything 40 miles from New York is Bridgeport." Unprofessional copy was "bush"; a truly bang-up job—"That was the big leagues." People were also judged by this sliderule.

His perpetual enemy was his eyes—he suffered from near sightedness which grew worse as the years passed and finally caused him to leave an active business life at the age of 83.

One morning he was at the desk in THE RING office editing some copy written in a not too fluent style. He muttered in his inimitable growl, "These new kids—no background. A bunch of CHIPMUNKS." He was using a large magnifying glass and threw it down. "Nat," he said, "age is such an awful whore!"

Those meeting Dan for the first time could think "pompous", "a tough cookie", "a real loner", or even "an occasional SOB".

To those privileged to penetrate the surface came the realization that this exterior was a sham. His offense was really his defense. Dan had developed his own armor to deal with new situations. In reality, the man was a warm, lovable pussy-cat. Sensitive, he would often, in seclusion, drop tears over the misfortune of a friend. His sharp wit, honed to perfection, became a trademark at the hundreds of dinners where he was in demand as toastmaster. He would roast friends and enemies alike. He spoke slowly, moved even more slowly, but his wit was fast time and his ability to turn out yarns was like the little mill that ground out salt. He clawed a typewriter to shreds, banging out as many as three or four features a day.

I spent many mornings driving Dan into New York, before and after his retirement from the paper. He lived in Rockville Center, on Long Island, in a Tudor house which he shared with his wife, Mollie, and his two daughters. Dan's immaculate little castle housed collectors' treasures. Mollie loved and surrounded herself with antiques and Dan was an ardent bibliophile.

En route we would usually listen to news which drew from him the cynical observation that became one of his recognized phrases: "It comes to the writer as no surprise." Few things ever surprised Dan and he enjoyed a good meeting of the minds. When holding forth before an audience of associates in an authoritative and often opinionated tirade, Dan would give notice that he was about to give the other side a chance by his home grown introductory. "Howsoever," he would begin . . . .

I once asked Dan to do a book on his life. Dan's reply: "Nat, to be any good, it would have to be an expose—I would never do that for MONEY."

One morning, Daniel preached a gospel for reporters: fair. Write something nasty about a man, but give him a chance to have his say. He always claimed he was impartial, but he sure loved those New York Yankees. I recall asking Dan to rate the greatest managers in baseball. "The greatest of them all was John J. McGraw, the most dynamic of field leaders; Miller Huggins was the kindliest. Joe McCarthy, the hardest to know, the most unpredictable." And Casey Stengel, "A fine man, an able leader and a man who knew an awful lot of baseball. His favorite baseball players: "Hans Wagner, Ty Cobb, Grover Cleveland." A pause, then came the others: "Babe Ruth, most fun for a writer; Joe DiMaggio, he had it all; and Lou Gehrig, a man to respect." he added in a softer tone: "But you know I loved just about all those damned Yankees."

Dan told the story of a hot spring afternoon in 1924, in the lobby of a New Orleans hotel. The Yankees were in that city training for the 1924 baseball season. A heavily muscled young man slid into a chair next to Dan's. He hunched forward, shoulders sagging, a dejected creature, and he half moaned: "I'm beat—been around this town all day and can't find a damn thing." Dan already rated as one of the leading sports writers in the nation, growled, "What ails you? A big, strong young man like you shouldn't be so bushed—what gives?"

"Heck," the rookie muttered, "I came down here for a tryout with just $12 to my name—and you'd be surprised how fast it went. I've been all over this town looking for a job as a soda jerk nights, and I flyed out."

Dan was shocked, and part of him that was baseball fan calling for action. "You're supposed to be trying out for the team, not jerking sodas." He pulled himself slowly out of his chair and grunted, "You stay put. I'll see about this." Up the elevator to the manager of the Yankees, Miller Huggins. "Hug, I just ran into a kid with a helluva problem," he said. Hug, a small man with a big heart, heard Dan out and acted immediately. "Dan, tell the kid to go to the cashier in the morning and 100 bucks will be waiting for him. If he needs more he can have it—but no soda jerking!" Little did either man realize that the youngster was a year away from greatness. His name was Lou Gehrig.

In describing the situation that had reduced Gehrig to such a state, Dan, half angrily, half humorously, coined the phrase he was to use so often in respect to boxing outrages: "It's a stench in the nostrils of every clean-living American."

Dan loved sports, its people and his friends, but fiercely adored his family: My work is my life, but my life is my family," he said soberly. His daughters, Roberta Yates and Naomi Stein, and two grandsons, Dan and Barney, survive him.

Bye, Dan.

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